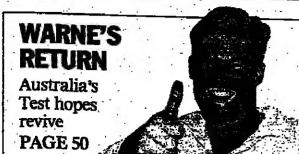
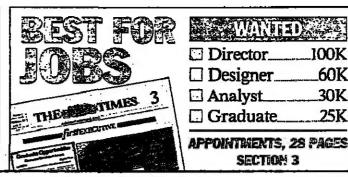
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French police investigate claim that arson by sacked staff could have caused train fire

#### Tunnel is kept shut as experts wrangle

By Joanna Bale in calais, Adam Sage in paris, JONATHAN PRYNN AND DAMIAN WHITWORTH

THE Channel Tunnel is to remain closed indefinitely after Eurotunnel representatives walked out of talks with \_

its safety regulators yesterday. SNCF, the French rail operator, ruled out any resumption of services before Monday, and if the safety authority insists that the tunnel is fully repaired before any trains run, it could be closed until the

new year... Eurotunnel, which had hoped to start some services bypassing the demaged sec-tion today and insists that it can have trains running within a few hours of being given ment on yesterday's talks, but company source said that its delegation had walked out after five hours when mem-



bers of the Channel Tunnel Safety Authority suggested that none of its train services

French authorities began to investigate claims that the which devastated part of the Felkestone-bound tunnel on Monday night was started deliberately.

Alain Bertrand, Euro-tunnel's chief operations manager, confirmed last night that a security guard had made a statement saying that he had seen smoke coming from lorry on the train before it left. And although it was originally assumed that it had been an accident, a source at the Calais the possibilities we are it could take until the new looking at is that someone out some kind of incendiary de-

vice on to the lorry." The fire was discovered shortly after the end of a twohour strike by Eurotunnel staff at Calais over the announcement that 657 jobs were to be cut. French port workers are known for their militancy and often brandish incendiary distress flares in disputes.

About half a mile of the

south tunnel was severely affected by the blaze, which was so intense that it melted a lorry load of aluminium. The



The rear locomotive of the burnt train emerges covered in soot near Calais yesterday. The wrecked front portion of the train remains welded to the rails in the tunnel

millions of pounds to repair to complete the work.

Ken Cameron, general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, yesterday called for the tunnel to remain closed pending a thorough overhaul of safety procedures. He suggested that the design of the car trains should also be reviewed and said that it might be safer for passengers to leave their cars and travel in enclosed carriages. He also wanted closed freight wagons and smoke hoods for passengers. "We have got to get safety

talking about bodies, not close

officer for Kent and a member of the tunnel safety authority. also questioned the design of the open wagons used to transport lorries, saying: "I was shown the design back in 1992 and said then that if a fire occurred it would be very serious - that's now ben proved. "The safety authority is looking again at this design. I have always been concerned as a fire fighter about the extent of the spread of fire in a case like this."

The safety authority has the power to keep the tunnel closed until all the repairs are

done, and some members are known to be concerned about the safety of running trains in both directions through a single tunnel. If another incident meant large numbers of people had to be moved out quickly, there would not be a tunnel available to

evacuate them by train. M Betrand, however, was confident that the authority would not insist that both tunnels should be fully operational before services could run. "We have done this before when one tunnel has been out of action due to maintenance operations," he said. "The system is designed to cope." He added that services would

begin again quickly once the authority gave its approval. in several phases, starting in a few hours with freight trains. I hope trains and shuttle trains with private cars and passengers might start rolling again by the end of the week."

Eurostar yesterday tried to take some passengers to Paris and Brussels by train, bus and boat - but that emergency service was abandoned when the journeys were taking be-tween six and eight hours.

Eurostar will be given priority over Le Shuttle when the tunnel does reopen, but with called the hotline opting to reschedule rather than cancel their journeys, there was a how lone it would take to clear the backlog of people holding Both Eurostar and Le Shut-

tle have frozen bookings for the time being, but Eurostar said that it would be ready to run services within an hour of any announcement that the tunnel was reopening.
P&O said it would bring a

fifth ferry into action tomorrow to increase the number of Dover to Calais crossings from 20 to 25 tomorrow, and annual repair work had been postponed on the three ships the Dover-Zeebrugge

peared once the weather im proved and after mid-morning the tailbacks that had jammed the port during the original rush of traffic when the tunnel

shut had dispersed. British Airways said that it had seen an increase in business on flights to Paris and Brussels, "Some flights were full but we expect that we will still have some seats available," a spokesman said.

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#### Council bans distasteful' film

Westminster council has banned the film Crash from its cinenus unless the board of film censors gives it an 18-certificate and insists on cuts. The film, which explores sexu-al gratification over our crashes, compains three scenes which the 12 councillors on Jie licensing sub-committee found too distasteful ... Page 5

#### Five-day drill for French teenagers

go on five-day civic instruction courses under plans to replace national conscription. Anyone who does not take part will be unable to apply for a civil service job, enter higher education or obtain social security. All 18-year-olds will be instructed on their rights and



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#### Police kill man on rampage in shop

By STEWART TENDLER CRIME CORRESPONDENT

A DISTURBED man who went on the rampage in a busy city supermarket with a knife was shot dead by a police marksman last night. The 40-year-old-man, who

was also waving a pair of handcuffs, ran into the Co-op shop in Washwood Heath Road, Ward End, Birmingham, after an argument with a woman, believed to be his mother, at a house nearby inside the shop the man launched an attack on three members of staff before confronting the manager. He put the handcuffs on the man and

then threatened him with the knife at his back before lashing out in attempt to cut the man's throat. He stabbed him at least once in the stomach. Outside the shop armed

police, who had been called to deal with the disturbance at the house, surrounded the building but were forced to open fire when their attempts to negotiate with the man

Witnesses heard four or five shots after an officer opened fire and seriously wounded the man. He died later. The officer who shot the man was described as "extremely traumatised".The shop manager was being treated for the wounds, but his

life was not at risk.

#### Angler casts out British record with 98lb catfish A CATFISH seven feet long

and weighing 980bs, a fish without precedent in the annals of British angling, has been caught from a lake in

It was taken by Steve Bond from Oak Lodge, a two-acre water at Rayleigh, near The fish was half as heavy again as the next biggest freshwater lish ever caught in

Britain, a 64lb salmon taken

Georgina Ballantine in

by Georgina Ballanune in 1922. It was 37lbs heavier than the previous record catfish, caught from a lake in Bedfordshire earlier this year. But even as the scales on which the fish was weighed were being checked by a local Weights and Measures De-

partment and a claim for a new record was being prepared, questions about the catch began circulating. Mr Bond owns the lake and charges anglers £20 a day. A number of catfish anglers

were suggesting the fish could have been smuggled in from the European mainland and recently put into the water. If so, that would be sufficient to have any record claim rejected. Mr Bond dismissed

has ever been put in. It is all just jealousy." Alwyne Wheeler, a former curator of fish at the Natural

these claims out of hand. "I

have seven witnesses to the

capture. Nothing like that fish



Mr Bond and catch: "I am still aching after the fight'

History Museum and scientific adviser to the British record fish committee, said: "It does seem surprising that such an enormous fish should come from such a small lake. It would take a tremendous toll of other fish and any water fowl present. The committee will come to a decision when it has all the evidence."

In the meantime, there is no doubt that the immense fish was caught, and caught on rod and line by Mr Bond. "I am still aching after the

fight," he said. "I hooked it while I was fishing from the bank but realised after ten minutes that I could not control it from there.

"A friend got into a boat with me. I weigh 16 stones and my pal weighs 14 stones. We were already low in the water. The fish towed us around for

an hour and a half. People on the bank thought it was going to tow us under."

Catfish are predators and scavengers and on the European mainland, where they originated, they can grow to immense size. Weights of 400lb and even 500lb have been recorded. Relatively few waters in

Britain contain them and they have not achieved that size here. The first were introduced to Britain by the Duke of Bedford who, in 1880, put 70 or so small fish into two lakes at Woburn. Since then, the fish have spread to several other waters in the Home Counties and the southern Midlands.

There has long been specu lation on how big a record fish could grow. This catch looks set to put several theories to

#### **Sceptics** win vote on EMU debate

By PHILIP WEBSTER POLITICAL EDITOR

Government faced mounting pressure to give way to MPs and allow a debate on the single currency last night after suffering an embarrassing defeat at the hands of Euro-sceptics using guerrilla warfare tactics. Amid chaotic scenes a Com-

mons committee yesterday morning refused to back the Government's wish to "take note" of a series of Brussels proposals on monetary union. The Government wanted the matters, covering arrangements for introducing the euro, including fines for coun-tries that breach budget deficit rules, to be dealt with by committee rather than in the full glare of the Commons.

Ministers made plain that they would ignore the vote, saying the debate in itself had been enough to comply with Commons rules that the regulations had to be "scrutinised". But protests mounted through the day. The rebels took heart when Betty Boothroyd, the Speaker, promised to look into the matter and said she was anxious to "save the integrity of the House".

Then in a potentially decisive move last night the Select Committee on European Legislation made a renewed demand for the matter to be Continued on page 2, col 6



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#### Pie's the limit for minister bringing ample help to starving refugees

POLITICAL SKETCH

against a chubby player, and common at the cheap end of the stadium, goes.
Who ate all the pies?

Who ate all the pies? You fat bastard, You fat bastard, You are all the pies!

No MP was actually vulgar enough to chant this, or anything like it as Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, steamed into the chamber yesterday to make a statement about military support for a relief operation to help starving refugees in Cenentered more minds than mine, that to place this Minister behind a Whitehall desk to sign orders and agree statements, is to misdirect his

Overseeing two operations supplying military protection and providing food - the enormous Mr Soames aims to do good indirectly. But deployed in his own person as a defensive barrage, or as nourishment for hungry refugees. Soames could do good directly.

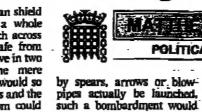
With Soames borne aloft

in Hussars' tie - a whole regiment could march across the African plain safe from attack. He would serve in two capacities. First, the mere sight of Mr Soames would so terrify both the Hutus and the Tutsis, none of whom could ever before have seen anything so big and so white, that most would drop their spears and run. As for the Congo pygmies, they would be dumbfounded, regarding Soames as

the representative of another

Secondly, should any attack

species altogether.



mosquito bites are to lesser humans. The natives, finding their weaponry useless, would panic, their morale shattered. The military operation complete, there would be no need to bring Soames home. For now the humanitarian stage

be to Mr Soames what a few.

Armed Forces Minister's legs could feed an entire Hutu encampment. Finely diced and served with yams. Soames could make the difference between survival and starvation for a whole tribe. A generous jevial and genuinely philanthropic soul, it is quite possible Mr Soames could be

persuaded of the benefits of

MPs had endured a session that can stretch 60 minutes of parliamentary time into what always seems an eternity. They call it Scottish Questions.

An hour has never seemed so Of note yesterday - apart from an observation by Barry Field (Isle of Wight, Conservative) that the Scots "mutter and mean into their sportans - surely a gymnastic feat? - was this Michael Forsyth, the answering almost every Ques-tion from English Tory MPs. This is unusual. There were four Scottish ministers on the bench, and only a handful of English MPs on the government backbenches. But every time an English colleague popped up. Forsyth took the

Up he would leap, ever helpful, ready to flatter even the most preposterous of his Sassenach colleagues. Speaking without notes, this rising right-wing Eurosceptic Scottish Secretary, seems to be showed off his skill and bite at

was only one English. Tory he ably Europeanist and Heath ite wet, Hugh Dykes (Harrow East). No votes there for Forsyth in a future leader the

As I left an omen stajked into the chamber. Spindly Sir George Garag-ner (Conservative, Reigate) has thickened a little around the midriffs, and now resent-

bles a lick of cuckro-spittle on

a long stick. When Sir George

shows. Tory trouble is brew

ing on Europe.

#### Butler defends Whitehall role in Tory tax attack

BY PHILIP WEBSTER AND ANDREW PIERCE

THE Cabinet Secretary. Sir Robin Butler, became embroiled in a fierce political row yesterday as he insisted that the impartiality of civil servants had not been compromised by the production of a Tory document alleging Lab-our spending plans would cost the taxpayer £30 billion.

Sir Robin's swift intervention to underline the independence of the Civil Service overshadowed a day of claims and counter claims about the Conservatives' "tax bomb-

The Tories had published a dossier detailing 89 pledges which they claimed would cost the average family £1,200. But within five hours, Labour had produced a line-by-line rebuttal, saying each of the

Tory claims was a lie. Sir Robin made clear that civil servants had acted in accordance with guidelines. But in a strongly worded statement the First Division Association, which represents senior civil servants, expressed deep concern at "the extensive use of civil servants to cost alleged Labour Party

Alerted by Tony Blair's office to a BBC report suggesting that he had authorised civil servants to trawl through the speeches of Labour frontbenchers for spending commitments, Sir Robin indicated that he had had no

personal part in the exercise. about which he learnt for the first time on Sunday. He added that the exercise had not breached the rules.

He is understood to have telephoned Waldegrave, the Treasury Chief Secretary, who is in charge of the costing exercise and met him later. But he denied, through the Cabinet Office that he had protested to Mr Waldegrave.

Mr Waldegrave, stung by suggestions he had been given a dressing down by Sir Robin, through Conservative Central Office. He said: "I have seen Sir Robin Butler. He has made no criticism of me or this costing exercise. The exercise was, as he agrees, conducted according to the long-standing



Sir Robin: drew up the

rules for which he was originally responsible."

Baroness Symons, General Secretary of the FDA, the senior civil servants' association, telephoned Sir Robin to protest about the use of civil servants in the document. Ten years ago, Sir Robin

devised the rules which should be followed if Whitehall departments are asked to cost the policies and pledges of their political opponents. His rules appear in a booklet Guidance on Guidance.

The instructions appear under the heading "Costing the policies of Opposition par ties" and say there is no objection to officials providing factual information.

Labour were quick to condemn the Tory document as "89 new Tory lies". Gordon Brown published a point by point rebuttal of the Tory assertions. "Having lied about their tax plans and raised taxes 22 times against all promises, the Tories are now lying about Labour's tax and spending plans," he said.

The Tories later produced their own rebuttal to Labour's counter claims. As the allegations descended deeper into farce. Conservative Central Office produced a further defence of their original claims insisting the "costing is right" on each of the 89 points.

Labour denial, page 12



The Prince tastes the award-winning bitter yesterday

#### Prince behind bar to sample Jail Ale

THE Prince of Wales sampled Dartmoor Jail Ale yesterday in a specially created bar at which he was the only customer. A pint of the award-winning dark bitter was pulled for him when he arrived at a tiny brewery in Princetown, Devon, during a flurry of snow.

The brewers, Philip Davis and Simon Loveless, erected a three-pump bar for his visit. As he lifted a glass tankard full of the bitter, the Prince

joked: "I don't want to get the froth on the end of my nose." After his tasting, he was sented with 48 bottles of ale brewed for him. The labels bore a royal crown together with the initials HRH.

They are the only 48 bottles of this beer in the world." Mr Davis said, adding that the bitter became stronger as it aged. The brewery, leased from the Duchy of Cornwall. is only yards from the Prince

#### **Euro row**

Continued from page I taken on the floor of the House. The committee, which has overall charge of the way the Commons handles European affairs, disagreed with ministers that the documents had been scrutinised. It de-clared that in its view the documents had not yet been dealt with and asked for them to go to the full House.

The move left the Government again in confrontation with backbenchers from all sides of the Commons. Tony Newton, the Commons leader will face a rough ride this afternoon if he declines to

hack down. Miss Boothroyd had earlier intervened after unusual scenes in a Commons commitee room yesterday morning when Euro-sceptics trooped in to join the normally tranquil proceedings of European Standing Committee B as it discussed a series of regulations relating to the introduc-tion of the euro. The interlopers were not allowed to vote but they continued to demand that the matter be heard in the Commons rather

than the committee itself. When the committee members themselves came to vote on the documents John Whittingdale, Conservative MP for Colchester South and Maldon, sided with Opposition MPs to defeat the Govern

parties, but mainly Tory Eurosceptics, went along to the meeting to urge the chairman Sir James Molyneaux to adjourn proceedings so that the debate could be heard in the House. Some Conservatives claim that the Government wants to keep the issue out of the spotlight to prevent Kenneth Clarke, the pro European Charicellor, having to

answer senstitive questions.

employment. Strategists are

keen to translate Margaret Thatcher's property-owning

democracy into an "opportuni-

Policies are likely to include

encouraging savings and cut-

ting capital gains and inheri-tance taxes. The manifesto will

also include a pledge to increase spending on health and plans to help the elderly with the cost of nursing homes.

More law and order measures are also expected, including

those dropped from the Queen's Speech, such as the national identity card.

ty-owning democracy

#### Major fears 'sticky patch' in Ulster talks

British and Irish ministers met in Belfast last night amid growing gloom about the multiparty talks at Stormont. Dick Spring, Ireland's Deputy Prime Minister, used the first Anglo-Irish conference since July to voice his fears that Unionists were obstructing the talks.

John Major met loyalist politicians for 90 minutes at Downing Street. He conceded that the talks had run into a "sticky patch and we must wait and see how we get out of that". He was told by the loyalists that the decommissioning of terrorist weapons could lead to the collapse of the Stormont discussions. The Irish Government and the SDLP. are concerned that Unionists want to use Sinn Fein's absence from the talks to insist that the IRA must determinission some weapons before Sinn Fein can join.

#### DPP chief fights back

Barbara Mills, QC, the Director of Public Prosecutions, has sought to defuse mounting criticisms of the Crown Prosecution Service with a letter to all its staff denouncing a BBC2 programme as "selective and unbalanced". She warned that the programme, shown last night as part of a series called *The Verdict*, might be "hostile". It claims the CPS downgrades charges so they are heard in the less

#### Lottery lays golden Eigg

The National Lottery Heritage Fund pledged to support the people of Eigg in their attempt to buy the Hebridean island. The five-mile long island was put up for sale for £2 million by its present owner, Martin Eckhart Maruma, a German artist, in August. As well as the purchase price, the trust set up to bid for the island is seeking funds to implement development and business plans for the area. Financial support is expected to be substantial, possibly about 75 per cent.

#### Labour chooses teacher

Jeff Ennis, a 44 year-old teacher and local council leader, has been named as Labour candidate for the Barnsley East byelection to be held on December 12. Party whips moved the writ for the poll in the Commons yesterday. The by-election for the South Yorkshire mining seat was caused by the death last month of the sitting MP Terry Patchett, who had a 24,777 majority at the last election. If Labour retains the seat, the Government will lose its Commons majority of one.

#### Army's Big Mac attack

Orders received by soldiers on the radio network at the Colchester barracks of 24 Airmobile Brigade had more to do with beef than bull. New Dutch headphones used by the staff of the local McDonald's to take orders from drive-in customers interfered with the military frequencies. Officials Communications Agency visited the restaurant, in Stanway, Essex, and warned staff not to use unlicensed radio systems.

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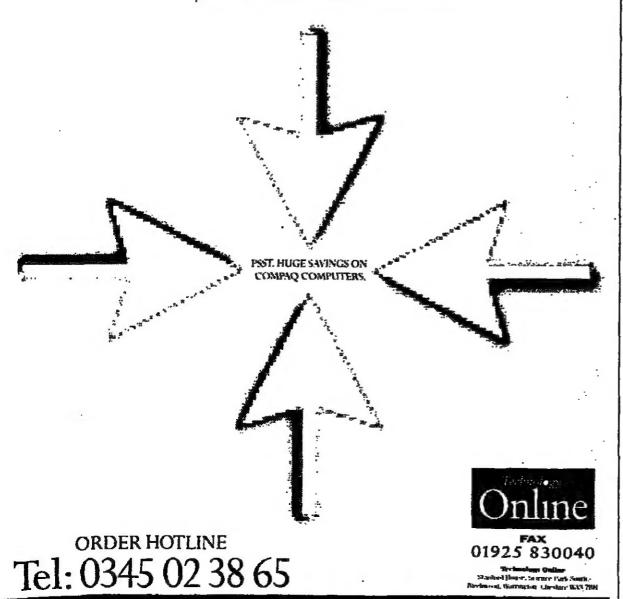
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#### Ministers urged to produce new ideas By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT vying - and is expected to focus on health, education and

JOHN MAJOR has told the Cabinet to come up with some fresh, and more radical, ideas for the Conservative Party manifesto in case he is forced into a snap general election

early next year. Ministers have been asked to submit new policies within the next three weeks to Norman Blackwell, head of the Downing Street policy unit. Mr Blackwell will consult other members of the policy unit in December before drawing up the final document over Christmas.

The search for more far reaching ideas follows a series of high level meetings between Mr Major, Michael Howard Michael Heseltine, Kenneth Clarke and Mr Blackwell. The Prime Minister is still hoping to delay the general election until May, but he knows that Labour will use every opportunity to force an earlier poll. The Tories' slim majority is expected to be wiped out by the forthcoming by-elections in Barnsley East and Wirral

Although ministers produced a raft of ideas for the manifesto in July, they have now been asked to go back to their departments to think again. Party strategists say that as many of the ideas were announced at the party conference, ministers needed to come up with fresh proposals. Downing Street is also anxious to maintain the momentum and demonstrate that the party has not run out of steam after 17 years.

The new proposals must fit into the theme, "Opportunity for all", which was launched at the party conference in October with a vivid portrayal of Mr Major's humble beginnings in Brixton.

The programme is aimed at Middle England voters — the key group for which both Labour and the Tories are

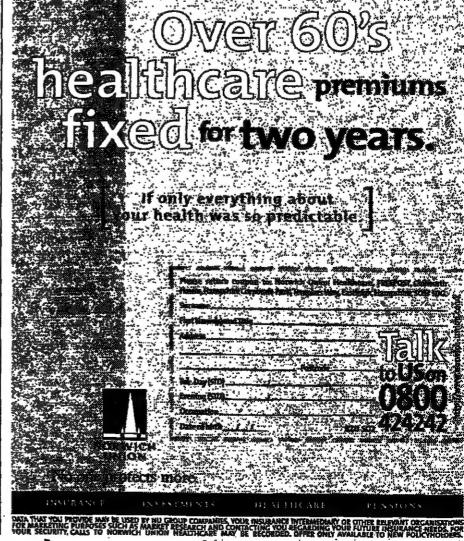
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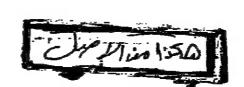
The sale of an unrecorded sketchleaf from Beethoven's Missa Solemnis (report, November 19) takes place at Sotheby's in London on

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## Judge calls for truce in battle of the listed wall



Anne Kissel: she lost her case against the council

#### Neighbour's case 'without foundation'

A HIGH COURT judge has called for a ceasefire in a tenyear legal battle over a stone wall dividing two medieval homes in a Cotswold town.

With both sides now tens of thousands of pounds poorer, the judge said yesterday that he hoped the argument which had raged in Chipping Campden - "a town of great charm and attraction" should be laid to rest.

Anne Kissel, a recently qualified solicitor, had just lost the latest round in the battle of the wall. She was described by Rowland Rodgers, a garage proprietor, as "one of the worst neighbours in the country", who had caused a tenyear "living nightmare of litigation".

Mr Justice Scott Baker reected her claim that Cotswold District Council was wrong in law when it retrospectively granted Mr Rodgers listed building consent for the raising of the height of the wall at Poppetts, his medieval farmhouse home in the High Street. The judge dismissed her argument that Mr Rodgers should have been prosecuted by the authority for demolishing and rebuilding the dry-stone wall, changing its character to a wet-stone wall, without consent.

A further blow came when the judge ordered Mrs Kissel,

Inside she had found 18

dogs, among them four-year-

old Cuddly, which later had to be put down. "Cuddly was very depressed. He had great

difficulty moving. He seemed disabled on his back legs and

he could only bunny hop using

his front legs to pull himself

along. His eyes were very weepy. He had been bitten on

Another dog, Zinta, was

found in the lavatory compart-

ment of a caravan. "Zinta had

her right ear missing and her

hind right foot was missing. It

was a stump which was very red and raw." The leg was

Matthew Scott, for Miss

Hein, said that she was "a

person who is overworked,

foolish, unwise and frightened

but without any desire to

cause any suffering to ani-

mals". He added: "It is only

because of the extraordinary

love that Dr Hein had for her

dogs that she allowed herself

to fall into the position where she perhaps had more ani-

mals than she could have

properly coped with."

later amputated.



The listed wall over which Mrs Kissel objected

launched proceedings against

another neighbour over the

Rejecting her challenge, Mr

Justice Scott Baker said the

council had acted "entirely

properly". It was Mrs Kisse

who wanted the wall rebuilt

and it had been done to a

standard that satisfied the

local authority — and there

was some doubt as to whether it properly qualified as a dry-

"She has caused a great deal

of time to be spent by the

council and no doubt some

aggravation to its officers and

also to her neighbour. Her

claim on careful examination

is without foundation and it is

to be hoped the matter will

now be laid to rest," he said.

leave to appeal, but could still

take her application to the

Court of Appeal. Mr Rodgers

Mrs Kissel was refused

stone wall in the first place.

demolition of another wall.

century Twine House, to pay the council's legal costs, esti-mated at between ES,000 and £10,000, on an indemnity basis - the highest level at which costs can be awarded. The judge made the punitive order after Timothy Straker, QC, for the council, argued that Mrs Kissel had pursued the case as part of her "hobby" regarding isted buildings.

She had also pursued the case even though work on the wall had been done at her instigation after earlier court action. Gregory Jones, her counsel, accused the council of applying for the increased costs order as an act of oppression, seeking revenge against Mrs Kissel for bringing yesterday's action.

The judge observed that Mrs Kissel was "no stranger" to judicial review applications in the High Court, having it has worked out like this. Mrs Kissel is one of the worst neighbours in the country. She has cost me tens of thousands of pounds over the past ten years in litigation. I hope she backs off now." Mrs Kissel said: "This wall

has been belittled by every-body, but it is a Grade II listed building and should be treated

The legal battle with Mr Rodgers had not been all one way as he had also started court actions against her. She added: "Since these proceedings started, I have been subjected to various abusive teleohone calls and I don't know where they have come from."

In Chipping Campden some were toasting Mr Rodgers's success. Roger Fowle, 56, said: "Everyone in the town except Mrs Kissel was delighted when Rowland took over this cottage. She has opposed him every step of the way. The whole episode has changed him completely. He used to be happy-go-lucky but now he's always on edge."

Sally Lindner, a town and district councillor, said: "Mr Rodgers has done everything by the book. But she is just obsessive. Her actions have ruined his life. She is obsessed with listed buildings. She wants everything to be the way it was, without any compromise. Everyone knows that is impossible, except her."



Rowland Rodgers: he raised the height of the wall

#### Vet who mistreated dogs banned from practising

By Michael Hornsby, agriculture correspondent

A VET was banned from practising yesterday after a disciplinary committee decided she had caused unnecessary suffering to alsatian dogs

One animal was found with a foot missing and an ear ripped off; another had a severely swollen and infected head; and others were found licking moisture off windowpanes to slake their thirst. Two

dogs had to be put down. The Royal College of Veteri-Hein, 69, of Amberwell Kenveterinary surgery" and that the registrar had been directed to remove her name from the register. She had had 140 dogs

in her care. Jeremy Lucke, chairman of the college's disciplinary pan-el, said: "It is the clear that not only were you the custodian of a large number of dogs without adequate staffing or re-sources to care for them properly, you were also acting in a professional capacity to those animals in your care.

The committee has no doubt this resulted in unnecessary

The committee was told that Miss Hein, a former Ministry of Agriculture vet, had been found guilty by Farnham Magistrates in March of mistreating dogs in her care. She had been barred from having custody of any dogs for seven years and fined £250 for unlawfully keeping a breeding

in a statement after the twoday disciplinary hearing, Miss Hein said: "I have never considered that I have been unnecessary suffering."

The committee was shown video footage of Miss Hein's house, taken by RSPCA inspectors. Members were told that Miss Hein kept 140 alsatians in the house, which was littered with urine-soaked

Inspector Alison MacVicar told the panel: To get into the kitchen you had to climb up onto a raised paving slab. climb in through the window, and onto a metal dustbin."

#### Watercolour fetches a record £826,500

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

A PICTURE by a little-known 19th-century painter broke the world auction record for any British watercolour yesterday. John Frederick Lewis's Lilium Auratum sold for £826,500 at Sotheby's in

The price doubled the previous record, held by Turner's Hampton Court Palace, which fetched £473,000 at Sotheby's in 1990. Such was the competition

that bidding, by telephone, lasted for several minutes. Five potential buyers sent the price leaping by £10,000 as they ignored the estimate of £350,000 to £500,000. The

The watercolour depicts two Oriental girls in the walled garden of a harem. Its use of luminous colour and light shows Lewis at his best. The artist (1805-76) specialised in Oriental and Mediterranean subjects captured in great detail. He made his name in England in the 1820s as an animal painter whose style is reminiscent of Landseer. He spent ten years in Cairo from [84], during which

time he did not exhibit any works. The novelist Thacker ay visited him there and noted that he had taken on a dreamy, hazy, lazy, tobaccoffed life"

Simon Taylor, a senior director of Sotheby's, said Lewis rarely came on the market: 'He was a fantastic artist. In the late 1970s he held the record for Victorian painting. Serious collectors really go for them. His work has an absolute radiance to it. He gets that Eastern, hot sunlight



A detail from the John

#### Killer had affair with Radio One disc jockey

By A STAFF REPORTER

THE woman who killed Rachael Lean had a sexual relationship with a former Radio One disc jockey, a court was told yesterday. Richard Skinner, who now works for Liberty Radio, said that he had met Maria Hnatiuk in a pub in Battersea, south London, in 1990. After their relationship end-

ed, Mr Skinner received a blackmail threat from lan Wells, Hnanuk's new boyfriend. Mr Skinner gave details of his affair with Hnatiuk, 29, in a statement to police that was read out at Norwich Crown Court by Oliver Blunt, QC, her counsel. Towards the end of 1991. several months after the relationship had ended. Mr Skinner said he had received a telephone call from Mr Wells.

had raped Hnatiuk. In early 1993, shortly after Mr Skinner joined Virgin Radio, Mr Wells rang him again to say that a "financial settlement" would ensure that the rape allegation was not disclosed to the press. Mr Skinner said he then contacted

who alleged that Mr Skinner

Hinatiuk has already told the court that the rape allega-tion against Mr Skinner was a complete fabrication and that Mr Wells had forced her to make it. She also blamed Mr Wells for the killing of Miss Lean - saying that he had incited her to stab the 18-yearold student to death.

Hnatiuk admits manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility but denies murder. The prosecution refuses to accept her plea. Miss Lean's body was found in undergrowth along a country lane near RAF Coltishall, Norfolk, in September last year. The prosecution claim

that Hnatiuk may have had a Miss Lean lived in the nearby village of Buxton with her father Peter, Hnatiuk, originally from Bristol, had been living in and around Buxton and had befriended Miss Lean shortly before the

#### Police raid home of Guerin suspect

By AUDREY MAGEE, IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

ARMED Irish police yester-day raided the home of John Gilligan, a self-confessed suspect for the murder of the Irish journalist Veronica Guerin.

The contents of Gilligan's estate and equestrian centre near Enfield. Co Meath, were removed. Furniture. cars, horse trailers and vehicles were taken in lieu of payment of a £2 million tax bill.

Gilligan, 44, is in Belmarsh prison in England on charges of money laundering. He was arrested at Heathrow airport in October carrying £300,000 and was charged by police under anti-drug legislation. He is the first suspected

drug dealer to have his properry raided under wide-ranging legislation rushed through the Dublin parliament after the death of the 36-year-old journalist. Ms Guerin was murdered

last June. Gilligan said police suspected that he was involved in her killing but he has denied any involvement.

Nobody has been charged with Ms Guerin's murder. Paul Ward, 32, from Crumlin in Dublin, has been charged

with conspiracy to murder the investigative journalist.

Gilligan's wife. Geraldine. said last night that her husband had nothing to do with the murder. She said she understood that people sus-pected him because the journalist was taking a legal action against him.

Ms Guerin alleged Gilligan assaulted her when she called at the equestrian centre last shortly after Ms Guerin's murder but was abandoned because of her death.

Mrs Gilligan also told RTE television that she and her husband would be able to prove where the money came from to buy their equestrian centre. Ms Guerin was murdered by two men on at least one motorcycle as she waited in her car at traffic lights on the outskirts of Dublin.

John Traynor, a second selfconfessed suspect for the murder and an associate of Gilligan, fled Ireland after Ms Guerin was murdered and has been in Portugal for five months. He denies any involvement.

#### Self-styled prince left trail of terror in 13 armed robberies

By STEPHEN FARRELL

RICHARD SHOREY tried to cloak his five years of violent armed robberies with an aura of glamour. He falsely claimed to be an African prince, slept with a silver pistol under his bed and boasted to police that he was a criminal tycoon.

But for all his claims of prowess. Shorey, 27, from Harlesden, west London, was caught by police on routine patrol because he could not use the headlights of a stolen getaway car.

Shorey stabbed one deaf and dumb victim 13 times for having no cash. Yesterday he was jailed at the Old Bailey for 14 years after admitting 13 robberies that netted Shorey's final wave of criminal activity began in 1991. After release from prison for spraying a policeman with ammonia he became the "bag man" on a jewellery shop

robbery in west London. He graduated to being the gunman on other robberies and in May 1992 came to the notice of the underworld by escaping with £110,000 in gold and cash from a jewellery store in west London.

There followed a series of attacks on supermarkets, houses and a security van. He later admitted stabbing the deaf and dumb man because "I intended to do somebody serious harm and he just happened to be passing". He handcuffed a woman aged 72 in a raid on a house and locked her in a small cupboard. He pistol-whipped a jeweller whose wife tore his £500 designer jacket. The man needed 32 stitches.

He was caught after stealing a taxi driver's wallet and driving off in the car without the headlights on. A patrol car gave chase. Shorey, who has a jewel embedded in a gold tooth, told police: "I view myself as a tycoon. I was only interested in money, I wanted lots of it piled up all around

Judge Boal, QC, told him: "You were a ruthless and determined armed robber who committed serious crimes whenever you needed money. For five years robbery was your way of life. Each of your victims must have feared for

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#### Scientists unravel Pharaohs' sex lives

By NIGEL HAWKES SCIENCE EDITOR

DNA from ancient Egyptian mummies is to be used to investigate the sex lives of the Pharaohs. Among the questions Egyptologists hope to answer is whether the Pharaoh Akhenaten was the father of Tutankhamun.

The study may also show the extent to which the various Egyptian dynasties practised incest, as well as whether fresh genes entered the royal bloodlines through relationships with commoners.

The project based at Manchester Museum and a medical company in Arlington. Virginia, aims to build up a tissue bank of material from mummies, using their blood,



Tutankhamun: doubts over who was his father

muscle and internal organs. The hope is that the Cairo Museum, the leading museum of Egyptology, will also be involved in the project. Tissue

mies as possible will be taken to Manchester Museum, where the project is co-ordinated by Rosalie David. Keeper of Egyptology. The team hopes to carry out DNA fingerprinting to establish the relationships between the mummies. The first project, New Scien-

tist magazine reports, will be a study of the parasitic disease schistosomiasis, still prevalent in Egypt. This disease is carried by blood flukes, which have already been found in several mummies.

Proving the relationship between the boy Pharaoh Tutankhamun and Akhenaten is another possibility, albeit more distant. Reference books declare that Tutankhin-law but some experts have suggested that he may have been his son. Akhenaten is believed to

have had Fröhlich's syndrome, an inherited disorder caused by disturbed function of the pituitary gland. Tutankhamun does not appear to have suffered the condition.

No mummy of Akhenaten exists so direct DNA comparison is impossible. But if Tutankhamun turns out to carry a copy of the Fröhlich's gene, it would strengthen those who believe that he was the son of Akhenaten.

Both Akhenaten and Tutankhamun were pharaohs in the New Kingdom and ruled Egypt in the 14th century BC.

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#### Councillors ban 'distasteful' film

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#### Westminster calls for scenes to be cut from Crash

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent

WESTMINSTER council yesterday banned the controversial film Crash from its cinemas unless the British Board of Film Censors gives it an 18-certificate and insists on

The film, which explores sexual gratification over car crashes and the supposed attraction of mutilated bodies, contains three scenes which the 12 councillors on the licensing sub-committee found too distasteful. They called on the board of censors to out a scene in which a man has intercourse with a woman whose scarred legs are in calipers, and to remove one of the character's lines about car crashes being "fertilising and not destructive". They also took offence over the final sex. scene involving a blood-spattered and bruised woman.

At a meeting after a private screening at Columbia Tristar, the distributors, the counciliors voiced concern that impressionable teenagers might be inspired to re-enact scenes from the film. Anne Barns, one of the councillors, said: "! didn't enjoy it at all. I am extremely worried about the impact it might have on 18 or 19-year-olds who think them-

selves very clever and tend to like fast cars, and probably put two and two together and possibly try things out. I would certainly ask for an 18 certificate if we cannot ban it."

Dr David Avery, another councillor, said: "I certainly don't think this is a film which will encourage crime or disor-der or racial hatred against any section of society. I would have thought it was allowable viewing for adults if they don't mind degradation and violence towards women.

The final decision was made at a 45-minute meeting by three councillors under the chairmanship of John Bull. He said: "The committee has serious concerns about the film. It is clearly better for the film to be awarded a national certificate and we hope, therefore, the BBFC will properly address councillors' concerns.

"However, the sub-committee would be reluctant for the film to be shown in Westminster in the form shown today. To preserve the council's position, we have decided as a purely interim measure to prohibit the film showing in Westminster. We will reconsider as soon as possible after the BBFC decision." Mr Bull



David Cronenberg, director of Crash. Councillors believed that his film could encourage copycat incidents

added: "It's a good film. It's exceedingly well made. If you are asking me personally whether I enjoyed the film, I can be quite honest, I could live without it."

Jeremy Thomas, Crash's executive producer, told the councillors that the film had won the special jury prize at this year's Cannes Film Festival and that it had been accepted worldwide. There has not been one copycat incident and traffic statistics have remained static," he said. Hearing the verdict, Chris

Auty, co-executive producer of the film, said: "All we really want is that our work of art. which is how we think of this film from the bottom of our

hearts, gets the opportunity to be seen in an uncut form by the British public."

A BBFC spokeswoman said: We are in the process of getting our 22 examiners to see We are unable to say whether our decision will be announced in two weeks or a

It was Virginia Bottomley,

the Heritage Secretary, who prompted Westminster's action. She drew attention to the fact that, under the Cinemas Act of 1985, local authorities have the powers to ban any film within their area. Her spokeswoman said: didn't think it was suitable."

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#### **Connery** breaks his bond with Whitehall

By Shirley English

SEAN CONNERY. who risked life and limb for Her Majesty's Government as James Bond, will call on fellow Scots tonight to abandon rule from Westminster. Mr Connery, 66, stars in a

party political broadcast by the Scottish National Party. urging his countrymen to build on the return of the Stone of Scone to Scotland by voting for independence and a Scottish Parliament. The Edinburgh-born actor has been an SNP member since 1991. although he lives in Spain and rarely visits his native land. In the television broadcast.

he claims that the 410lb sandstone slab, the ancient corona-tion stone of Scottish Kings, removed by the English 700 years ago, was returned to Scotland last week only because of "jitters" in London.

The stone will be handed back on St Andrew's Day. November 30, when it makes a ceremonial journey up the Royal Mile to the Crown Room of Edinburgh Castle.

Mr Connery says: "We need more than stones in Scotland. We need real power and a real parliament. The return of the stone is the result of pressure from Scotland for change. London is worried about the mood of Scotland and the overwhelming desire for a parliament. London is beginning to hear us and to pay

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#### Hawking's TV history of time

PROFESSOR Stephen Hawking is to present a BBC series on the history of the universe. The six-part series, which has been almost three years in the making, is based on his theories in his bestselling book A Brief History of Time. It will be screened on BBC2 next

summer.
Professor Hawking, who suffers from motor neurone disease and uses a voice synthesiser to speak, has se-lected most of the scientists who will appear. Stephen Hawking's Universe will trace ries from Galileo through Einstein to the present day. The crew is currently filming

in the United States. Among other documentaries announced by the BBC yesterday was a 24-part history of the Cold War produced by Sir Jeremy Isaacs, the retiring chief executive of the Royal Opera House, who produced The World At War. Sir David Attenborough is following his Private Life Of Plants with Life of Birds on BBCI.

#### **Editor of** Punch is dismissed

By CAROL MIDGLEY

THE man entrusted with raising Punch magazine from the dead was sacked yester-day after two months as editor. The decision to dismiss Peter McKay followed "contractual differences" over his column in the Daily Mail.

The satirical magazine was given a £3 million relaunch in September, courtesy of Mohamed Al Fayed, the chairman of Harrods. Stewart Steven, chairman of the publisher Liberty, said that he was sorry to lose Mr McKay, a former Evening Standard columnist and editor of Sun-

day Today.

Mr Steven said: "I appointed Peter McKay as editor of Punch and it is therefore with regret that this decision had to be taken. My confidence and the confidence of this company and everybody involved in the future of Punch remains total.

He was acting as editor until a successor could be found, Mr. McKay was not available for comment.

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#### English teenagers slump in world maths league

SH controversy broke out education standards yesy showed English teens sliding down the world ue in mathematics but raving in science.

ests of 13-year-olds in 41 ntries showed English puwell below the average in thematics. The results, first closed in The Times in e, showed England slipemational norm in 1990 to 3 cent below last year. English pupils came out

orly in all areas of matheitics, apart from probability d data representation. Boys id girls were well behind eir counterparts in most her countries in the basics of actions and number work. In science, however, Engnd was on a par with Japan, ith about one in six pupils in re top 10 per cent internation-

lly. Pupils were above the

lobal average in physics, hemistry, environmental, arth and life science. The findings reignited the lispute over standards which greeted yesterday's school league tables for England and Wales. Ruth Lea, head of policy at the Institute of Directors, said the evidence from industry was of falling standards. She complained that pidgin French and German were being taught to pupils,

and teachers were accepting answers in mathematics les-

sons that were sometimes ain was lagging badly behind incomplete. "The Education most of its international comincomplete. The Education Department says that literacy and numeracy skills have improved, but they are still dire." Ms Lea told a press conference in London

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said the Third International Mathematics and Science Study showed English schools were not doing well enough in mathematics, but the Government was already taking action

David Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, said the study showed standards in mathematics were falling and Britpetitors. This is an appalling league table indictment for the Tories, who have had 18 years to raise standards."

England was sixteenth out of 25 countries where the groups of pupils taking tests in clearly top, with France, Hong Kong and Ireland among the countries overtaking since the

The 3,500 pupils taking the tests in English schools got more than half the questions wrong in algebra and proportionality. In the highest-scor-

#### QUESTIONS OUR PUPILS GOT WRONG

I (number sense): a person's heart is beating 72 times a minute. At this rate, about how many times does it beat in one hour? a: 20,000; b: 42,000; c: 4,200; d: 420. Fewer than half of the English pupils chose the correct answer.

compared with two thirds in all the countries surveyed.

2 (algebra): if M represents a positive number, which of these is equivalent to M + M + M + M? a: M + 4: b: 4M: C: M4: d:

Only 41.6 per cent of English pupils in year 9 chose correctly, against 81.6 per cent for the highest-scoring country.

3 (proportionality): a class has 28 students. The ratio of girls to boys is 4:3. How many girls are in the class? English pupils in year 9 did better than the median country, with 41.9 per cent getting the correct answer (the median was 36.9 per

cent). But they were still far behind the top-scoring country.

which achieved 91.5 per cent.

Far East, pupils were getting at least four out of five right. Researchers involved in the project said it was impossible

to tell why England's position possible causes to be investigated for a follow-up report next spring are the style of teaching and the length of time devoted to the subject.

Dr Wendy Keys, a member of the team from the National Foundation for Educational Research responsible for the pupils were spending about 20 minutes less on mathematics than when the last survey was carried out. The time allotted to science had risen by about the same amount.

Dr Seamus Heggarty. another member of the team, said that, although England's international standing was lower, the tests could not demonstrate whether absolute standards had declined. He of under-achievement in England. The range of schools was similar to that in most comparable countries, but too many were concentrated towards the bottom of the scale.

In science, only five countries exceeded the English pupils' performance. Singapore was again the top nation, the Czech Republic, Japan, Korea and Hungary the others ahead of England.



Gillian Shephard with yesterday's Times supplement on examination league tables. She conceded that English pupils were not doing well in mathematics

#### Parents given bleeps to find truant pupils

PARENTS of pupils who play truant have been issued with radio pagers that will inform children have absconded. The pagers have already proved their worth at Highbury Grove School in Islington, north London, where the attendance rate of

two of three regular truants has improved markedly. Bromcom, the company being with five other schools. It believes the pagers will be ital in tackli senteeism and misbehaviour. Henry Jones, deputy head teacher of Highbury Grove, a

boys' school with L000 pupils, said: "We do not have a truancy problem here but there are isolated incidents as in most schools." The system, he said, was particularly eff-ective where parents of truants were supportive. He added: "There are some cases" when parents collude with their children in their absence and that is harder for us to

The pagers will be able to

operate in scores of schools that use the Electronic Attenputer enables teachers to theck at roll-call whether a pupil is absent

system will be able to send a message to a central computer, which will automatically relay an instant radio signal to the bleeper carried by the

and send them to school. said yesterday that the pagers, which cost about £100 a year to run, were a simple tech logical solution. They are especially effective in those households where both parents are working and in bomes in urban areas, and there are many, which do not

have a telephone. "The use of pagers is part of the drive to make parents more responsible for their children's behaviour and is in line with government and opposition thinking."

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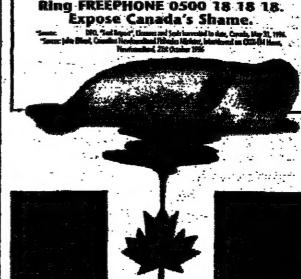
Last spring the ice flows ran red with the blood of over 268,000° seals. Now government advisors and politicians hope to increase the laliquota, 400,000 seals could be butchered next year. And of these, roughly three quarters will be baby seal pups. Just days or weeks old. They'll be shot or dubbed to death. And those seals that escape wounded will die an agonizing death beneath the ice. These are the "lucky" ones. Recent evidence indicates some will

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#### Inspectors link boring lessons to expulsions

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BY DAVID CHARTER DUCATION CORRESPONDENT

SCHOOLS will be ordered by inspectors today to curb the rising number of expulsions by trying harder to interest difficult pupils instead of giving up on them.
Ofsted, the school inspec-

tion agency, will disclose wide variations between the numbers of pupils expelled by similar schools in inner-city areas. Chris Woodhead, the Chief Inspector of Schools, believes head teachers with high expulsion rates should be more willing to try alternative solutions such as vocational courses. He says the number of boring lessons does nothing to half the total of expelled children, which has quadrualed since 1990 to more than 12.000 a year.

However. Mr Woodhead says the dumping of unruly children by grammar and grant-maintained schools on local authority comprehensives could not be blamed for Ridings in Halifax.

Writing in The Times today, he says that one of Halifax's schools would have been bottom of the local pecking order, whether or not there were tained schools in the town. "If parents have the right to choose their children's schools, some schools are going to prove more popular than others, and one is likelyto become the most unpopular

His words will heighten inspection agency, and Cal-derdale council Gillian Shep-hard, the Education and Employment Secretary, yesterday accused council offici als of trying to avoid a full inspection by Ofsted, which

Ofsted can inspect a schoolonly if invited by the local authority But Mrs Shephard said that if Conferdale continged to delay its invitation, she would order an inspection of more of its sthools. Michael Higging chairman of education in Calderdale, said that he would welcome an inspection priority was to devote

Chris Woodhead, page 22





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#### TUNNEL FIRE

Le Monde

buries blaze

on page 23 FROM BEN MACINTYRE

IN PARIS WHERE the British press has reacted with dismay and anger to the Channel Tunnel fire, the French media has played

down the incident, portraying it as a tragedy averted by swift and responsible action by the

authorities. Le Monde yester-

day devoted only two para-

graphs to the story on page 23,

recording that the tunnel's

Only one national news-

paper criticised the handling

of the blaze. On Tuesday French television stations

broadcast footage of earlier

trial-runs for emergency evac-

uations, showing calm and

smiling "passengers" being

led to safety. News reports insisted all the necessary

safety procedures were com-plied with". Le Parisien of-fered the headline: "How a

catastrophe was avoided on a

The single exception was France-Soir, which attacked Eurotunnel in a front-page

editorial for what it called

"shameless lies" in statements

story relegated to page 13.

closure had been extended.

#### **Privers** hire tough French lawyer for ompensation fight

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS

lonry drivers who nary escaped death in the mel Tunnel have hired of France's toughest and flamboyant lawyers to sent them in any legal n arising from the fire. arty drivers have formed efence committee repreed by Gilbert Collard, a seilles advocate with a for publicity, who most ally represented the famof victims after the mass de last year by members e Solar Temple cult.

want to know exactly t happened this week. We t to establish the truth," M ard, 48, said yesterday. said that he would be stigating security process surrounding the fire seeking to establish legal onsibility for the accident, will be looking into ther the fire was already ning when the train en-

tunnel operators knew l Collard specialises in r-profile cases and has sharply criticised by I colleagues for promoting self into what Le Monde od France's "lawyer show-The paper complained: impossible to watch any ne major French television

shows without coming ıss him." epending on the results of French judicial investiganow under way, Euronel or Le Shuttle could face e compensation claims, M lard said. He has regisd his clients as civil plain-: attached to the investdon, meaning that he will re access to all documents

iting to the accident. de a statement to French ice as part of the legal uiry launched by the public secutor in Boulogne. M lard said that it was too ly to predict the possible of damages claims, but he ed: "This is a company

with considerable financial interests". The French Court of Appeals last week upheld a ruling ordering British Airways to pay more than £3 million in compensation to French passengers taken hostage when their plane landed in Kuwait just hours after the

Iraqi invasion in 1990. Many of the lorry drivers were in tears yesterday after reliving their experience when they were taken to a tunnel depot to collect their personal belongings. Roy Keys, 53, from Tain, Highland, said: We were escorted one by one to our cabs and allowed to get personal belongings from them. A lot of the drivers are

Collard: has reputation

for being a show-off

ing is more valuable than your life. I had photos and teddy bears that my children had given me but they have all been ruined." ☐ Lawyers said yesterday that anybody caught in the fire would be better off suing in the English courts (Frances Gibb writes). Ian Walker, a partner with Russell Jones & Walker, said that the English courts tended to award higher damages than in France, and for a broader range of injury.

The procedure in France is slightly different, with the courts tending to decide the amount of damages on the hasis of a court-appointed expert instead of the evidence very upset. It's their life in from experts on both sides," he Denis Bracqbien, a French said. The French courts did lorry driver living in Scotland, said that many of the passengers had lost their livelihoods. not tend readily to recognise psychological injury. A third factor would be the risk of We are afraid that some costs, which are unrecoverpeople are trying to duck their able in the French courts. Mr Walker said that he

Calais and has asked them not

to leave until the investigation

some decided to return home

last night. Many are self-

employed and want to be compensated for loss of

earnings.

Mark Ford, 32, a driver from Heathfield, East Sussex.

who was taking frozen bread

for Sainsbury's from Paris to London, said: "It was shock-

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not realise how bad. Every-

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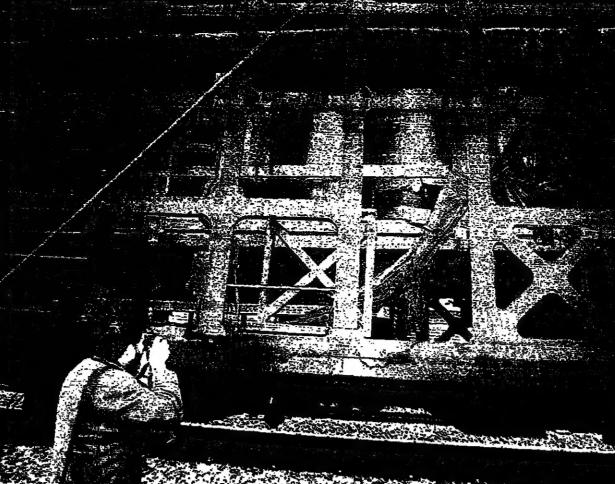
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responsibilities, and we want to have these established would expect most peoplequickly.
We want to obtain a writcaught in the tunnel to have suffered from a substantial degree of post-traumatic stress, for which damages were about £3,000. Claims ten acceptance of responsibility that we can at least present to insurance companies, because some of us find ourselves completely could be much higher for drivers who might be too ruined today, without lorries. frightened to enter the tunnel money or papers."

Eurotunnel is accommodat-

Letters, page 23 ing the drivers in an hotel in



One of the less-damaged wagons: an investigation could lead to damages claims from traumatised passengers

#### Company will lose Shuttle passengers 'should be separated from their cars'

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

By Marianne Curphey, insurance correspondent EUROTUNNEL faces a bill running into tens of millions of pounds for compensation, repairs and loss of earnings after the Channel Tunnel fire. For every day that the tunnel is closed the operator will lose about £1 million in revenue. Although that will be covered by an insurance policy that pays out for business interruption, the effect of bad publicity on future business is

£1m revenue a day

Eurotunnel had expected strong demand for tickets before Christmas and during the new year. As well as missing out on extra sales, the company also has to repair extensive damage to a 600-metre section of the northbound tunnel. The company said yester-day that it was fully covered.

It has to carry what it describes as "high levels of insurance" to meet its contractual agreements with the British and French Governments. Although compensation payments are likely to total tens of millons, they will be low in comparison with the cost of the 1992 IRA bombing campaign in the City of London (£350 million), the 1985 Manchester air crash (£20 million), and the storms of January 1993 (£100 million).

Eurotunnel will also have to compensate the train operator Eurostar for periods when the tunnel is closed. Eurostar has been running 44 trains a day between Waterloo station and Paris and Brussels and carries between 10,000 and 12,000 passengers

THE safety of i.e Shuttle car trains came under scrutiny yesterday after consumer bodies, safety groups and fire officers called for passengers to be separated from their vehicles in the Channel Tunnel. Mike Fordham, assistant general secretary of the Fire Brigades Union, criticised Eurotunnel and the Government for refusing to redesign passenger shuttle carriages on cost grounds. "That decision is unacceptable," he said.

Unlike freight shuttles, drivers and passengers on the car service sit in their vehicles during the 35-minute crossing. Before departure, giant fire doors divide up the train into "fire proof" compartments. If a fire breaks out, as one did in December 1994, passengers are instructed by Eurotunnel

staff to pass into an adjoining compariment through air lock doors to escape the blaze. The doors are designed to withstand fire for 30 minutes,

by which time the train will, it is hoped, have emerged from the other end of the tunnel. A spray of the inert gas halon from the ceiling of the compartments is also supposed to smother the fire after about ten minutes and there are water foam extinguishers on the train. Only as a last

ate the train. Harry Beckingham, a fire adviser to the British Safety Council, said that a fire could trigger chaos. Many passen-gers would not speak English and there would be blind and disabled people on board. The ten-member Channel

resort will passengers evacu-

Tunnel Safety Authority has the power to withhold from Eurotunnel permission to operate trains through the tunnel if its safety demands are not met. It has five British and five French members, with the chairmanship alternating annually between heads of the

delegations. Edward Ryder, 65, former Chief Inspector of Nuclear Installations, is head of the British group and is currently chairman of the authority. The other British members are Peter Moss, a senior Tranport Department civil servant, Jeremy Beech, County Fire Officer of Kent, Sandra Caldwell, senior inspector at the Health and Safety Executive (HSE), and Vic Colman. the most senior railway safety inspector at the HSE.

#### **Budget Message to Kenneth Clarke**

Many organisations and interests have no doubt been sending you their ideas for the Budget next week. You know that charities and voluntary organisations play a vital role in providing a wide range of services to people in need. We believe that all governments, whatever their political colour, have the responsibility to try and set a positive environment within which charities and voluntary organisations can work. Next week's budget gives you the opportunity to do what you can for charity. If you have anything to give away, now is the time to help charities help others. So, why don't you:-

> 1 Let charities keep the £350 million they currently pay in irrecoverable VAT?

2 Abolish the ceiling on the payroll deduction scheme whereby employees can contribute to charities through their pay packets?

3 Lower the Gift Aid limit?

4 Introduce tax reliefs for people lending money to social investment funds?

5 Cut the red tape surrounding charity trading?



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#### Hattersley before the beak after dog gets the bird

ROY HATTERSLEY was, in the doghouse yesterday. He was up before the bench after his "exuberant and overfriendly" pet, Buster the Staffordshire bull terrier, inflicted fatal injuries on a goose. Worse, the offence took place in a royal park.

Buster, rescued from Battersea Dogs' Home last year, is very much the apple of his master's eye. Speaking out-side his home before yester-day's hearing at Bow Street Magistrates' Court, the former Labour Party deputy leader said that he was sorry for the goose. "Buster has been as good as gold since. He is not quite conscious of what is happening. I haven't punished Buster and will be taking him for a trip in the country."

In a letter to the court Mr Hattersley admitted allowing Buster to worry wildfowl and letting him off the leash, both breaches of the regulations in St James's Park in London, He had lost his grip on the dog's lead while clearing up after

Two days after the incident, Mr Hattersley apologised for Buster's actions in a national newspaper. "The goose came out of the bushes first - half flopping and half flying - and came to land on the far side of the railings," he was reported

Buster, standing on his hind legs with his front paws on top of the fence, had to be

is ... exuberant and overfriendly ... I know that is what mothers say about their sons before the court passes Richard Heatley, for the prosecution, told the court:

Police were patrolling in St James's Park when officers came across a greylag goose which was very badly injured. in fact it was close to death. Subsequent investigations revealed the injuries were caused by a small brown dog in the charge of Mr Hattersley."

in a statement read by the clerk of the court, Mr Hattersley said that Buster



was not intentionally let off the leash, but broke away. "He was naturally most disturbed that his dog had killed a goose and very much regretted that," the clerk said. "He walks in St James's Park most mornings with his dog and has taken particular care to ensure that nothing of this sort happens

After a hearing lasting just over four minutes, Mr Hattersley, MP for Birmingham Sparkbrook, was fined £25 for the first offence and £50 for the second. He was ordered to pay £30 costs.

Mr Hattersley's staff at Westminster denied last night that Buster and his master were inseparable. "I can assure you that he is not with his master tonight. Roy is addressing his constituents in Birmingham and then has a meeting in Warrington," a spokeswoman said.

However, Mr Hattersley has said that, on his retirement from politics at the next election, he intends to spend as much time as he can walking in the Peak District with his

The pair apparently have much in common. After a recent visit to Cruit's, Mr Hattersley said: "Do not believe that owners grow to look like their dogs, or that dogs develop the appearance of their owners. People choose breeds which seem to possess



#### Judge increases Reynolds libel damages to 1p

By Michael Horsnell

ALBERT REYNOLDS, the temptuous damages to reflect former Irish Prime Minister. had his damages raised from nothing to 1p yesterday by the judge who presided over his live-week libel action. Mr Justice French ruled in the High Court that he was entitled to nominal damages after a jury found on Tuesday that he had been defamed but made no award.

His ruling, for which he said he would give his reasons at a later date, may have a bearing on whether Mr Reynolds should pay the entire costs of the litigation, estimated at more than £1 million.

Unbeknown to the jury, The Sunday Times had paid £5,005 into court. Mr Reynolds refused to accept this sum, leaving himself liable to bear the legal costs incurred by both sides after September 20.

the date of the payment.

The judge will have to decide whether Mr Reynolds should also pay the newspa-per's costs since August 1995. when he issued his writ. After hearing arguments from both sides, the judge said he hoped to rule on the issue today.

The jurors decided that Mr Reynolds's claim that he had been libelled was true in substance. Mr Reynolds, 64. sued after being accused by The Sunday Times of lying to the Dail in a report headed "Goodbye gombeen man. Why a fib too far proved fatal".

The newspaper, which pleaded qualified privilege and justification, is seeking payment of all its costs by Mr Reynolds. He accepts liability only for costs incurred after the date of the £5.005 payment. James Price, QC, for The Sunday Times, said the conclusion could not be avoided that the jury found the article

to be "so nearly true that ienominious damages would suffice". Lord Williams, QC, for Mr Reynolds, said it was consistent with the "broad justice of the case" that each party should bear its own costs before the date of the paper's payment to court. Juries regularly award con-

their view that the words complained of did not damage a person's reputation.

In 1964, a Dr Dering complained about a book. Exodus. suggesting he had performed 17.000 "experiments" without anaesthetics at Auschwitz. Counsel for the book's publishers said that if Dr Dering had no reputation requiring compensation, adequate payment might be the "smallest coin of the realm, not a farthing but a halfpenny." The

jury agreed. In June 1967, William Boaks, a parliamentary candidate in the 1966 general elec-



Reynolds: ruling may

tion, was awarded £1 after he complained about a pre-election article saying he was out of work and living on benefit. In January 1974, Lady Docker sued the Sunday Express over an article alleging she was banned from a Jersey hotel for using naughty words". The jury awarded a halfpenny damages.

in November the same year, Lieutenant-Colonel John Brooks was awarded a halfpenny damages after he sued the Sunday People over allegations that he was a "sex trap" for young girls.

William Rees-Mogg, page

#### How political animals give owners a human face

NOT since Humphrey, the Cabinet Office cat, was accused of killing ducklings and sparrows in the gardens and window boxes of No 10 has a senior politician suffered such embarrassment at the paws of a pet. Animals are usually a much safer bet than children when posing for photo opportunities. Only Michael

Foot's Nepalese mountain dog. Dizzle, was singled out for sneers during the general election cam-paign of 1983. Mr Foot, who was then Labour leader, was shown in a donkey jacket waving a stick at photographers while walking his pet on Hampstead Heath. The animal bared its teeth.

That was an exception, Paddy, the late Lord Wilson of Rievaulx's

labrador, was a natural before the cameras. It chased sticks to order while the Wilsons were on holiday in the Isles of Scilly and seemed to smile at the cameras while its owners picnicked on the beach.

Other political dogs enjoy an even stronger place in British affections. Offa, the eyes of Labour's David Blunkett, would win a spontaneous round of applause whenever it

appeared on BBCI's Question Time. Lucy, the bitch who replaced Offa, is proving even more popular. Conservative MPs often bring the black labrador-retriever treats at Westminster to enjoy before Prime Minister's

Chris Patten, the Governor of Hong Kong, has such affection for Whisky and Soda, his family's pair

condemned Britain's quarantine rules as absurd. Unless the law is changed. Whisky and Soda will be behind the wire for six months after their owners' return to Britain when Hong Kong is handed back to China

Mr Patten told Sue Lawley on BBC Radio 4's Desert Island Discs this month that the prospect filled

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#### Youth justice system 'fails offenders and victims'

By RICHARD FORD HOME CORRESPONDENT

THE justice system for young offenders is condemned today as disorganised, inefficient and ineffective. The Audit Commission says that unless action is taken to overhaul it and tackle youth crime and its causes effectively, the country faces a further increase in lawlessness over the next decade.

The commission's report, Misspent Youth, says the current system is time-consuming, wastes money and provides little monitor-

THE legal system that deals

with young offenders is slow,

Police launch proceedings

against two out of every five

young people accused of an

offence, but prosecutions are

not particularly efficient, the

Audit Commission report

says. The organisations in-

volved in the courts process

did not agree on the objectives.

detained, a police officer must

fill in 40 forms which, together

with interviews, take between

four and five hours to com-

piete. An accused person app-

ears in court an average of

four times over an average

period of 70 days before being

sentenced. The figure in some

areas reached as many as 170

The study found that four

months passed on average

between arrest and sentence,

at a cost for each young person

of £2,500. "The youth courts

the report says.

he

Once a young offender is

costly and complicated.

than a decade ago to address offending by young people. Pewer sibility. He dismissed a recommenyoung people are now convicted by the courts, even allowing for the fall given an enhanced role in dealing in the number of people aged 10 to 17, and an increasing proportion of ment must be a matter for the those who are found guilty are discharged. At ten of the 12 sites visited, little or no work was done with young offenders outside the court system to address their

David Maclean, a Home Office.

Inefficiencies cost

£2,500 for each

juvenile sentenced

BY OUR HOME CORRESPONDENT

presentence reports needed to

be prepared; the defence law-

yer had not been briefed; legal

time of youth justice workers, lawyers, and witnesses includ-

ing police officers. It also

means a long delay between a

young person's arrest and

sentence, which makes any

punishment less meaningful,"

holding a young person re-manded in custody. One case

cost a local authority £7,200 to

transport a youngster to and

from court on 19 occasions,

plus £64,000 for secure accom-

Local authority secure units.

providing 24-hour supervised

care, cost between £1,800 and

modation for 216 days.

It highlights the cost of

the report says.

"It takes up much of the

aid not been sorted out.

ing of the impact of various was acting to tackle truancy and punishments. "Overall, less is done indiscipline in schools and to stress the importance of parental respondation that local authorities be with juvenile offenders. "Punishpolice, the probation service and

the courts, not local authorities." Jack Straw, the Shadow Home Secretary, said the report was a damning commentary on the failure of the youth justice system and Minister, said the Government ports Labour's view that the system

£3,450 a week. The latter

figure was roughly seven

times the cost of keeping a

child at Eton and more than

twice the cost of staying at The

Three out of five young

offenders identified by the

police are cautioned rather

than prosecuted through the

courts. The report admits that

although giving a caution works well for first-time of-

fenders, it becomes less effect-

ive once a pattern of criminal

A critical factor is that few

young people who are cau-tioned receive any further help

to cope with their offending or

antisocial behaviour. The

commission found that, of the

cases it observed, 65 per cent of young offenders sentenced in

court had been excluded from

school or had played truant

behaviour has developed.

Ritz for a week.

is wasteful, fails victims, communi-ties and young offenders alike."

The commission says that the present arrangements fail young people, who were not being guided away from offending, and their victims, who continued to be plagued by vandalism, arson and theft. The report estimates that 150,000 juvenile offenders are dealt with each year in England and Wales. In 1994, two out of every five known offenders were under the age of 21, and a quarter under 18. The commission suggests that

the under-18s commit about seven

million offences a year against retailers, individuals and manufacturers. Only 3 per cent of those offences lead to an arrest and action by the criminal justice Youth crime costs public services £1 billion a year, which includes £600 million spent by the police in identifying young offend-

The commission finds that crime tends to be concentrated on a few victims and that criminal behaviour is largely confined to a few areas populated by large numbers

ers and £200 million by social

services.

of poor, single adult households with poorly supervised youngsters. Even when young offenders are punished, the report suggests there is a "worrying lack of information" about the effect of different sentences on reoffending. It found that little was done to address offending behaviour and in most areas no attempt was made to monitor reoffending after different sen-

tences had been imposed. Few sentences were sufficiently intensive to challenge the behav-iour of persistent offender in a way likely to prove effective. A study of

order found that they were expected to spend an hour a week with a social worker, which was not enough to be effective. The priority for youth justice workers was to form good relationships.

The study was based on 12 visits to different parts of England and Wales: a survey of 600 young offenders sentenced by the courts: and interviews with 100 young criminals on supervision. ☐ Misspent Youth: Young People

and Crime (Audit Commission:

#### **Dutch scheme** to halt petty crime praised

A DUTCH scheme to tackle juvenile crime allows offenders to avoid prosecution if they recompense victims and repair damage themselves (Stephen Farrell writes).

The Halt project, set up in Rotterdam 15 years ago to deal with vandalism, petty theft and violence by 12 to 18year-olds, is highlighted by the Audit Commission report as a potentially more effective method of dealing with young offenders. The juvenile must suggest the punishment, such as paying reparations to the victim and giving up Saturdays and holidays to repair damaged property. If no punishment can be agreed, the case goes to

Halt officials claim that 60 per cent either stop or reduce their criminal behaviour. against 25 per cent of those prosecuted. The programme cost £6.1 million in 1995, when

it deatt with 17,000 cases. That is expected to rise to £10.2 mil-

its unfetfamilies willing to put children out of tered the family home because of difficulties trade policy. Paper says:

social workers, probation officers, youth workers and a psychiatric nurse to deal with young offenders. the "punishment" is usually a treatment programme. Youngsters have to

Police refer new cases to the unit and



A Dutch official supervising young offenders, who must give up free time to make amends for their crimes

#### How cash could be redirected to prevention

regularly. It pointed out a dramatic increase in the num-MINISTERS are urged to redirect ber of voungsters excluded from school. The number of cash into measures aimed at identifypupils permanently excluded ing children at risk of being sucked into a life of crime (Richard Ford for disruptive behaviour rose from around 3,000 in 1990-91 writes). The Audit Commission also to around 11,000 in 1994-95, it calls for local government to be given the rule of co-ordinating a national Of young offenders on sudrive to tackle antisocial behaviour ervision orders interviewed and the causes of invenile crime.

The commission recommends a by the commission, 60 per cent greater use of "caution-plus" schemes vere not engaged in work, where police formally warn a young oftraining or education: 70 per fender and other organisations work with the family to tackle offending becent took drugs of some kind, cannabis being the most wide-ly used, but Ecstasy, cocaine haviour. In some schemes the youngand heroin also being popuster would pay compensation to the lar. Half admitted to getting victim. The report estimates that if 20 per cent of young offenders prosecuted drunk every week.

in court were instead warned and sent to units to deal with offending behaviour, \$40 million could be saved and spent preventive measures.

Andrew Foster, controller of the commission, said: "The opportunity exists to redirect money that is inefficiently used into preventive programmes targetted on early offenders. The prize for society is to break the cycle of antisocial behaviour that has become the day-to-day reality for so many young people.'

The Government is to respond to growing concern over juvenile crime with a Green Paper next month which will set out ways of identifying and intervening early with children at risk of becoming offenders. It is likely to point to poor parenting, aggressive behaviour at an early age, truancy and school exclusion, unstable home life, poor education, and lack of training

and employment. Today's report calls for more help for parents, including programmes linking new parents with more experienced couples able to offer practical help. Health visitors should have a leading role in spotting the areas and families most at risk.

Local authorities who accommodate children under 18 are urged to consider charging parents who can afford to pay. A source said that the commission had been disturbed by the number of

in relationships The commission highlights a scheme in Northamptonshire to keep young people out of the courts. The Diversion Unit brings together police, teachers.

confront their crime and behaviour. accept their guilt, offer compensation to the victim, and work with their parents and the unit to ensure that they stay out of trouble.

process is often complex and engthy. It takes up much of the time of social workers, lawyers, police officers and others, which is expensive," In spite of the time and money spent, the report says that half the proceedings against young people are discontinued, dismissed or end in a discharge.
Four out of five Youth Court cases watched by the collains-

person had not succeed week

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#### Labour produces a line-by-line denial of Tory spending claims

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE Tories tried yesterday to reassert Labour's image of a tax and spend party by presenting a list of 89 spending pledges which they said would cost £30 billion over five years.

Hours later Labour produced its own document, claiming that all 80 pledges were "Tory lies". Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, insisted that the only extra spending commitments were the employment pledges in the party's draft manifesto, costing a net £3 billion to be paid for by the windfall tax.

Mr Brown risked infuriating his own party by denying that there was any commitment to spend money on bringing back British Rail into public ownership and suggesting that the minimum wage would cust nothing.

As the propaganda war intensified the Tories insisted that the 89 commitments had been gleaned from speeches and comments made by Tony Blair and his frontbenchers over the past two years. But

The few extra spending programmes to which Labour is nublicly committed are:

■ Helping people under 25 and the long-term unemployed into work: £3 billion

Cutting health service waiting lists: £100 million

M Reducing class sizes for 5 to 7-year-olds: £168 million

Setting up learn-as-you-earn accounts: £150 million ■ Cutting VAT on fuel from 8% to 5%: £450 million

that they had made up several of the figures in the document on the basis of a "reasonable" guess at Labour's thinking. The paper, drawn up by William Waldegrave's special adviser, Paul Gardner, includes precise costings on the national minimum wage, which Labour has not set, and

spurious costings on social security changes and education measures which are not mentioned in any policy documents. Some comments made by

frontbenchers in 1994/95 have been overtaken by policy changes. But the document draws attention to Labour's reluctance to commit itself to a specific timetable or specific The only spending Mr Brown was prepared to con-done yesterday was his programme to address youth and long-term unemployment. Labour has also made several specific commitments which involve reallocating existing

The following are some of

the Tory claims and Labour's Health service: The Tories say that phasing out private provision will cost

resources.

£34 million. Labour says that t has no plans to phase it out. ☐ The minimum wage: The Tories say this will cost £3.7 billion a year. They base this on an hourly rate of half

median male earnings plus a 50 per cent restoration of Labour insists that the plan

single parents will cost £110 million a year. The wage will be decided by a Labour says that the initial low pay commission after the

School sabbaticals:

four months off, and those

with 15 years service, one year

Labour says that there is no

commitment. The scheme would be phased and offered

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The Tories say that Labour's

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Labour says that the com-mitment to bring back rail-ways into public ownership

depends on economic circum-

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Single parents:

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cost will be paid for by a crackdown on fraud and in the long term the plans will pay The Tories claim that giving for themselves through reducsabbaticals to teachers with ing benefit dependency.

Tree cover: more than ten years service would cost £1.3 billion a year. The Tories say that Labour They base this on giving teachers with ten years service

will spend £58 million increasing tree cover by 50 per cent. Labour says that it will set targets within existing resources.

Dobseekers' Allowance:

The Tories say that Labour's plans to abolish the allowance would cost £240 million.

Labour says that it has no plan to abolish it. Labour says that it will recoup £18 million more than the Tories' programme, with no net cost to the taxpayer.

☐ Nursery education The Tories say that Labour will spend £665 million creating a nursery place for every

Labour says that it will provide a nursery place for all four-year-olds using funds from the Tories' nursery

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#### Ludicrous propaganda stunt is a sign of self-delusion

limiting social security entitle-

The Tories say that help for

public spending. Gordon Brown's determination to be an Iron Chancellor and stamp on anything that might be seen as a spending pledge is genuinc, yet in aggregate strains

However, the Tories have undermined their case with their ludicrously over-the-top propaganda stunt yesterday with the Daily Telegraph. The Tories are deluding themselves if they believe that the

paign of 1992 can be repeated

The Tory claim that the annual cost of Labour's spending commitments would be an extra £30 billion by the fifth year of a Parliament is a gross exaggeration. I do not know anyone who seriously believes that a Blair government would increase spending by anything like that amount, or raise taxes on the average family by £1.200 a year. Adminedly, some of Labour's promises, such as "creating a publicly owned, Labour's plans is less melo-

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publicly accountable railway system as economic circumstances and the priorities of transport policy allow". are so ambiguous as to defy meaning. But many of the 89 alleged commitments are nonexistent or flimsy. Some are either vague aspirations or would be undertaken only if money could be found from controversial measures to savings elsewhere. The real doubt about save money - for example,

dramatic and was only partially hinted at in yesterday's Tory dossier. It is not that Labour would embark on big new spending programmes. The danger is rather that it would not be rigorous in looking for savings. The To-ries have succeeded only in limiting the growth of spending as a result of a series of

strongly opposed at the time. These savings have offset upward pressures on the core social programmes. Labour has now largely accepted these changes, though in oth-er cases, such as the proposal to end compulsory competitive tendering in local authorities, the drive to reduce costs would be weakened.

Without a continued search for savings in existing programmes, a Labour government would find it impossible to prevent a rise in the overall

Labour is on weak ground here. A leaked memo from Alistair Darling, the Shadow Chief Secretary, revealed the difficulties he has faced in persuading colleagues to come up with savings. Only two areas have so far been publicly identified - shifting from the Assisted Places Scheme and cutting health service administration. But more savings need to be found. The flaw in Labour's rebuttal statement was the

money from within "existing Yesterday's salvoes between the parties can just be dis-missed as a tiresome skirmish in the long winter campaign - though they have forced Labour to clarify their position on many key policies. But the episode also raises questions about the validity of latest operation appears to have followed rules set out by

woolly references to finding

Secretary, to ensure that civil servants are not dragged into party controversy. But this may no longer be enough. Writing from his

experience as special adviser to Nigel Lawson in the Torles' first successful assault on Labour's tax and spending plans in 1987, Andrew Tyric has urged the creation of a small, independent fiscal policy committee to monitor the presentation of government borrowing and spending plans. In his new pamphlet for the Social Market Foundstion, The Prospects for Public Spending, Mr Tyrie argues that this committee should also look at opposition plans to provide "a better discipline on claims by politicians about the cost and effectiveness of their policies". It might help to provide a more authoritative and impartial framework. But it will not stop the politicians such costing exercises. The from squabbling about spend-

PETER RIDDELL come from.

#### **Shadow** Treasury 4 team costs Tory plans at £20bn

BY ANDREW PIERCE POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

LABOUR PARTY officials have costed the Tory party's own extra spending plans at more than £20 billion.

The shadow Treasury team arrived at the figure by the same route as Conservative Central Office used to cost Labour's plans. Researchers studied the speeches and arti-cles of John Major and senior Cabinet ministers to pin down any pledges and aspirations. The costing programme

which was drawn up Alistair Darling, Shadow Chief Secretary to the Treasury, will be used extensively in the coming months to counter Tory claims of a Labour "tax bombshell". The Prime Minister's pledge

to abolish capital gains tax is estimated at £3 billion. His oft repeated wish to scrap inheritance tax would cost £1.5 billion, Labour says. The party estimates that the 5,000 biggest landowning estates in Britain would be £800 million better off.

The widely publicised com-mitment of Gillian Shephard. the Education Secretary, to create a grammar school in every town is estimated at £2 billion. The pledge by Kenneth Clarke, the Chancellor, to cut the basic rate of income tax to 20p in the pound, which was reiterated yesterday by William Waldegrave, the Chief Secretary to the Treasury, is estimated at £3 billion.

The commitment by Stephen Dorrell, the Health Secretary, to raise NHS spending by at least the rate of inflation in every year of the next government, is estimated at £5

The total extra spending comes to £19.5 billion. But Labour says that a range of other less expensive spending proposals, such as the introduction of workfare schemes for the long-term unemployed. would add up to a further £2

Mr Darling said: "We are now counting the Tory claims. We are challenging the Tories pay for their election prom-ises. Where is the money to

#### Tax-saving scheme costs rise

By ARTHUR LEATHLEY

PLANS to save money on tax collecting have led to huge increases in the cost of a private sector contract to run vital Inland Revenue services. The El billion contract to computerise the new self-assessment system has in-

creased by more than £600.

million since it was awarded

company Electronic Data Systems in 1994. The 60 per cent increase is to be referred to the National Audit Office, the public spending watchdog, which has promised to keep the contract under scrutiny after earlier controversy. John Hutton, a Labout MP

who has pressed for an inquiry, said last night: "Something has gone seriously wrong with this vital contract and costs

are running out of control." The contract provoked con-troversy when it was awarded by William Waldegrave, then Public Service Minister, without an in-house bid from inland Revenue staff being allowed. About 1,900 staff were transferred to the private

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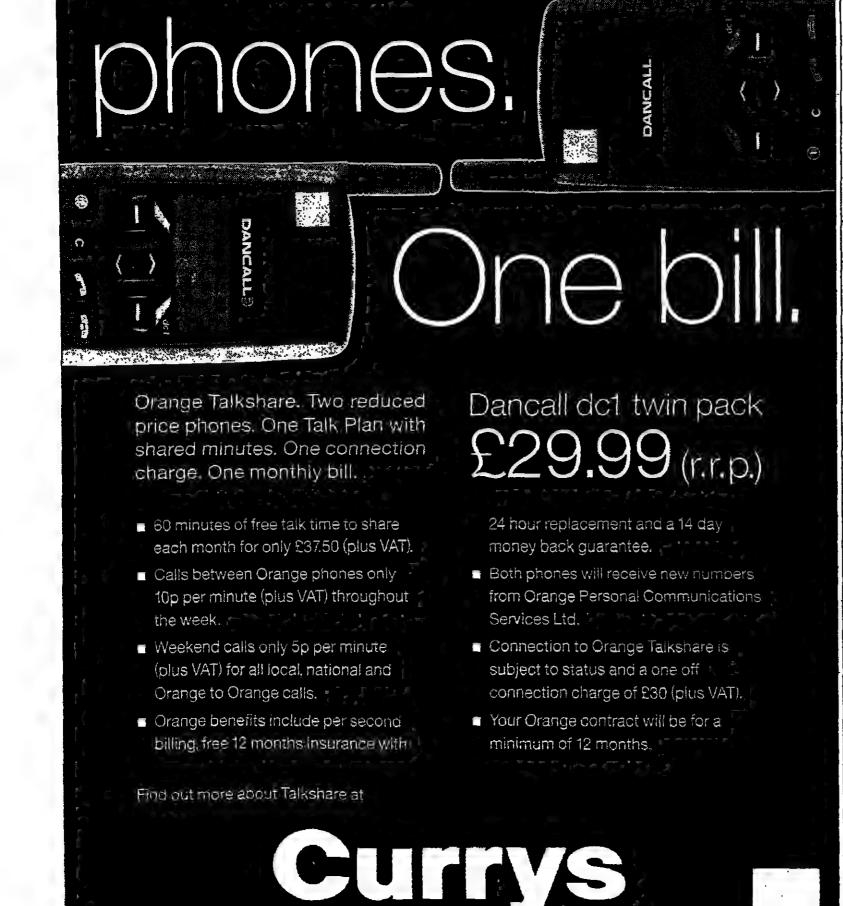
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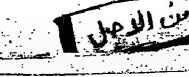
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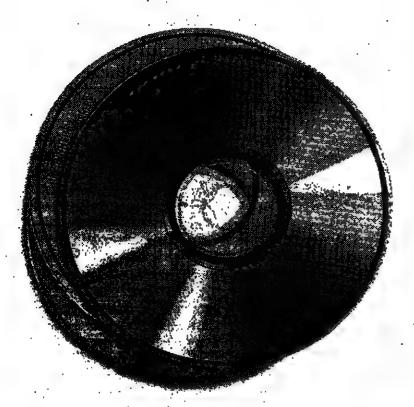
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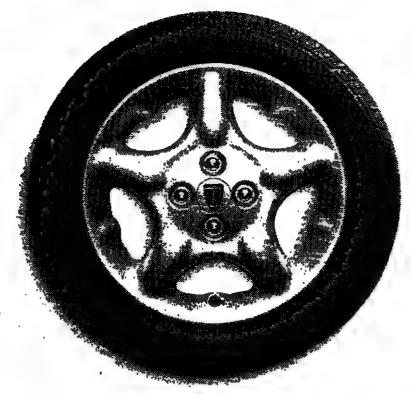
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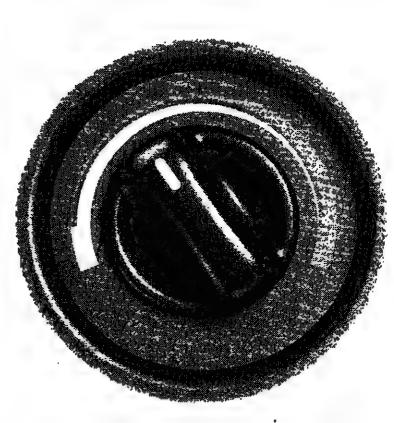
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#### £500m Library is a monument to folly, MPs tell Bottomley

By Valerie Elliott, whitehall editor

THE new British Library is a nodel to the nation - on how iot to manage a major huildng project. MPs said yesterlay, They attacked the Vational Heritage Department for "a dismal story of ncompetence and wasted tax-

Costs for the library, next to St Pancras station, London, have soured from £450 million o more than £511 million. The Commons Public Accounts Committee said this was made worse because the plans had neen scaled down.

The committee called on the department to ensure that there were no more cost increases or delays. It criticised the department for not fixing a budget and for failing to take swift and decisive action

over technical problems.
The MPs told the Treasury to ensure that other government departments and agenicies learnt the lessons of the fiasco. One accounting officer should take control of a project and its budget, reporting to

The MPs' progress report on the library is a further criticism of Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, who is under attack over regulation of the National Lottery and failing to secure private sector cash to match lottery money for the Millennium Exhibition.

The committee, chaired by Labour's Robert Sheldon, says: "The library is a major public building and is designed to serve the nation throughout the next century and beyond.

"Its construction should therefore have been planned, managed and executed with the utmost care achieving standards of excellence but without compromising value

for money."

The committee had been told in 1990 that the cost would be £450 million but last summer the figure had escalated to E511.1 million. The department would not know the final figure until all accounts had been settled.

"We consider it unsatisfactory, given the size and dura-tion of this project, that there was no total cash budgets for many years and no firm budgets for the works pack-ages until 1995." the MPs say. "We regard it as extraordinary that the department entered into contracts without setting a budgetary limit for each of them." This left the depart-ment vulnerable to claims on

contingency funds, which

the MPs were disturbed to

find had sometimes gone into

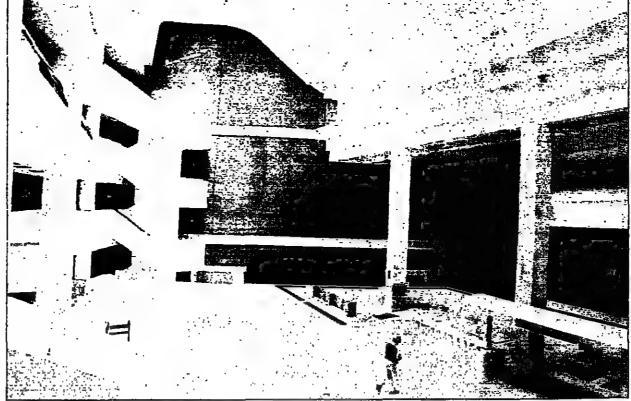
They were particularly anxlous that the department had not entered into supplementary agreements with key contractors until delays and disruption had cost £92 million. The committee was staggered by the £122 million paid in professional fees, especially as companies had been given no incentive to minimise costs or to keep to a speedy timetable.

The report highlights the role of Laing Management in overseeing the work and the department's view that the firm "did not achieve what they were paid to do". Senior officials considered legal action against the company but were advised by lawyers that they had no grounds. In the end the company was paid £38 million and its contract extended.

MPs blamed earlier differences between the Depart-ment and the British Library management for damaging

the project and the taxpayer.

A Heritage Department spokesman said yesterday that it was confident the library would be completed on time and within budget. The first books and staff would be moved in within ten days and the department believed the library would offer "fantastic new services" to readers.



The new British Library's cost has risen from a 1990 forecast of £450 million. Delays alone ran up £92 million

#### Call to avoid British Museum charge

By DALYA ALBERGE

ARTS CORRESPONDENT

THREE of the art world's most eminent figures yesterday attacked the Govern-ment for forcing the British Museum to consider introducing entrance charges to

Sir Hugh Leggatt, Sir Denis Mahon and Sir Robert Sainsbury argued that millions would be unable to afford to visit it. They called on the Treasury to increase its funding and for lottery rules to be changed to cover existing buildings rather than only new ones.

Sir Hugh, a former member of the

Museums and Galleries Commission, said: "One of the tragedies is that the Government does not appreciate that it is the very people who are hard up who will most suffer. Foreign visitors will be able

to afford to pay."

He described the proposals under nsideration by the museum trustees as "philistine and thoroughly uncivilised".
Charges are expected to reduce the annual 6.5 million visitors drastically.
Sir Denis, a leading scholar, said: "On every occasion the Government tries to get out of its responsibilities." Although the trustees are appointed by the Prime Minister, John Major's office referred

Hugh said: "If the Prime Minister takes such a lackadaisical attitude, he should give up his prerogative of appointing trustees forthwith. It is ironic that the BM, founded on lottery money, should now fall in granting free admission to the

very people who pour in money to the National Lottery." In a letter to *The Times*. Sir Robert, a former chairman of the Tate Gallery Trustees, writes: "The museum is a great educational resource and surely this role must be maintained and encouraged."

#### BBC seeks fans' help in tracing lost Archers

By CAROL MIDGLEY

FANS of The Archers are being asked to help to trace vintage episodes. The programmes span 38 years, from Jennifer Aldridge's illegitimate pregnancy to the early days of Sid and Polly Perks's

courtship.

Dedicated listeners who may have tape recorded some of the episodes are being urged to come forward to help the BBC to compile Vintage Archers 3 — The Lost Archers. At present, the corporation is short of material.

From 1951 to 1989 only episodes considered to be of vital importance were stored. in the BBC archives and the rest were thrown away. Although taping broadcasts used to be illegal, the BBC has declared an amnesty. Vanessa Whitburn, the editor, said:
"Listeners with a home library
of The Archers need not fear,"

Storylines featuring the ear days of the Grundys, Nigel Pargetter's affair with Shula Archer, or the death of Jethro Larkin are among those being sought by the BBC.

A spokesman said: "Rth mour has it that there are people who are such enthusiasts that they have 20 or 36 years' worth of episodes sitting in their lofts. We would love to

hear from them."

Anyone who can help should contact The Arches Archive Appeal, BBC Pebbi Mill, Birmingham, 85 7QQ

#### **Channel 4** sell-off could raise up to £3bn

By CAROL MIDGLEY

THE privatisation of Channel 4 could raise £2 billion without the station losing its distinctive programming remit, a new study says.

The independent European Media Forum, whose director, Damian Green, was a media adviser in John Major's policy unit, says research shows that selling the channel would be financially viable and would reduce state ownership of the media. Channel 4's future is expected to be decided next week during the Budget

Mr Green said the study's figures had been shown to officials in Whitehall for the past month or so". If Channel lost its remit to provide minority programmes, its sale could raise up to £3 billion, the report says. The programme mix had changed radically with an "absolute" decline in multicultural programmes and documentaries.

"Channel 4's commercial success has established beyond doubt that profits and a distinctive programming re-mit can walk hand in hand." the study says. Michael Grade, Channel 4's chief executive, has promised to fight a sale. He believes privatisation would ruin the remit that has

made the channel a success.

Mr Green said: "Next week's Budget should decide the future of Channel 4 once and for all, as it is in no one's interest to leave the channel uncertain whether its future lies in the public or private

#### NEWS'N BRIEF **Ex-football** star fined over cocaine

Frank McAvennie, 36, a former Scotland international footballer, was yesterday fined £750 by Paisley Sheriff Court for possessing cocaine. He and Peter McClellan, 26, from Milton, Glasgow, were found to have the drug when stopped at Glasgow Airport soon after arriving on a London flight on April 19. Me-Cicilan was also fined £750.

#### Judgment later

Judgment in the case of the former footballer Brian McCord, 28, who is suing John Comforth and Swansea City Football Club for injuries from a tackle in 1993, was reserved in the High Court.

#### Royal visitor

Diana, Princess of Wales paid a 30-minute visit to her friend Jemima Khan and her new born baby at Portland Hospital. London. The boy, who has heen named Sulaiman Isa. was born on Sunday.

#### Launch felled

Bad weather has impeded National Tree Week whose organisers alm to plant more than a million trees. Snow forced the postponement of the planting of 20,000 trees in the West Midlands.

#### Bird 999 call

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in track Hutus trek north to Goma as Zaire rebels begin push

By Sam Kiley, africa correspondent

EASTERN ZAIRE descended further into chaos yesterday as a United Nations agency said 100,000 Rwandan Hutu refugees were moving north from Bukavu to Goma, while rebels continued their advance towards Kisangani.

Michelle Quintaglie, of the UN World Food Programme. said that there were "strong indications of a large movement of people from the Bukavu area heading north towards Goma, We believe there could be 100,000".

The northward trek of the refugees would add an extra 70 miles to their journey home. A shorter route for them would have been to head castwards and cross into Rwanda at Cyangugu, a stone's throw from Bukavu.

Michelle Quintaglie said the decision to head north was "a mystery". The answer may be that the Hutus are not heading for Rwanda via Goma but for Masisi, deeper into Zaire, where another 100,000 are thought to have fled when their camp at Mugunga was cleared by eastern Zaire's Tutsi Banyamulenge rebels

last week. Extremist Hutu leaders. who maintain an iron grip on their kinsmen with a mixture

prepared the ground for establishing a Hutu homeland in Masisi earlier this year when they killed thousands of Zai-

rean Tutsis living there.
The refugees' trek north may depend on the mercy of eastern Zaire's rebels whose objective is to annihilate the Hutu militia, the Interahamwe, and depose President Mobutu of Zaire. The Hutu refugees will need protection because their route along the western edge of Lake Kivu is controlled by the Mai Mai, a mystical militia which, although in alliance with the Banyamulenge, has a record of slaughtering Rwandans, whether Hutu or Tutsi.

Aid officials are concerned that another 500,000 refugees remain missing in South Kivu province and relief agencies are being denied access to Bukavu by the rebels.

Laurent Kabilla, the leader of the rebels, who is viewed as a front-man for the Tutsidominated Rwandan Government, has insisted that his aim is to depose President Mobutu. He said the Hutu refugees and the Internhamme in their midst were "merely a block to our advance".

But the success of his advance will depend on whether of propaganda and terror, had Rwanda and his allies in

Uganda decide to continue to support his uprising. It is not clear whether the Banyamulenge's military ambitions in Zaire extend beyond destroying militias that have threatened their security.

International enthusiasm for a military intervention in eastern Zaire has waned since the rebels cleared Mugunga camp, near Goma, with few casualties. The rout of the Interahamwe there drove 700,000 Hutu refugees back to Rwanda last week. With the emergence of ever more complex rebel groups in eastern Zaire and little information about how, if at all, foreign soldiers would be able to help the refugees, the prospect of a military intervention looked increasingly dim yesterday.

The Banyamulenge fear that a humanitarian intervention would slow their advance and allow the refugees to reestablish permanent camps. Some aid groups support their stance. Mike McDonagh, director of Concern International, said: "So long as there are no indications of widespread hunger or disease, the rebels should be left to get on with clearing out the camps in their own way. They would be doing both us and the refugees a favour."



Hutu children, separated from their families during the exodus from Zaire, wait at a transit station in Gisenyi, near the Rwanda border

#### RAF camera team prepares to hunt for refugees

By MICHAEL EVANS DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

AN RAF Canberra supported by three Hercules aircraft, packed with photo-reconnaissance experts and photographic analysts, is expected to begin operating over Zaire today in the hunt for hundreds of thousands of missing

The Canberra PR9 reconnaissance aircraft arrived in Akrotiri, Cyprus, yesterday after taking off from RAF Marham in Norfolk. The 50-man team sent with the Canberra and three Hercules were waiting last night for diplomatic clearance from the Zairean

The Hercules aircraft, which are

equipped with mobile photographic cabins", have been sent with the Canberra to ensure that the "wet films" taken by one of the RAF's oldest jets can be developed, enhanced and analysed "in theatre",

The RAF team, which is expected to stay in the region for more than a week, will relay their findings back to the Ministry of Defence before return-

ing to Britain. With indications yesterday that up to 100,000 refugees were on the move from the Bukavu area of Zaire, the Canberra will be in a unique position to photograph the exodus and to make calculations of the numbers still remaining in the wooded hills southwest of Lake Kivu. Michael Portillo,

the Defence Secretary, in Moscow, and Nicholas Soames, the Armed Forces Minister, in the Commons, both made it clear that Britain intended to wait for the refugee picture to be clear before deciding whether to send British troops into the area.

Klaus Kinkel, the German Foreign Minister, said yesterday that several countries which had wanted to take part in a military mission to eastern Zaire were now having second thoughts.

The date for a meeting of military leaders from nations who had offered troops was also put back. They are now due to meet tomorrow in Stuttgart. Canada said yesterday that plans for an international rescue mission

Lieutenant-General Maurice Baril, the Canadian officer earmarked to command the multinational force, was said to be reassessing any changes of the mission being discussed by the United Nations and conducting further preliminary planning.

Vice-President Paul Kagame of Rwanda repeated his Government's opposition to an international force in Central Africa.

The British Overseas Development dministration announced a further £10 million for Rwanda and the Great Lakes region, bringing the total British financial aid to Rwanda and its refugees to more than £18 million this

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#### Portillo proposes charter with Russia

FROM THOMAS DE WAAL IN MOSCOW

Defence Secretary, said yesterday that Nato and Russia would probably sign a charter next year to define their new post-Cold War relationship. During his first visit to Moscow, Mr Portillo saw at first hand the anger almost all the Russian political establishment feels at the prospect of the expansion of Nato, its former enemy, into Eastern Europe. He was given a cool reception when he gave a peech to the massed ranks of generals of the General Staff Academy. The Russian military are not used to the idea of

a civilian defence minister. While Mr Portillo stuck to the view that Nato should expand, he also conceded that Russia should be bound more firmly into future Russian security arrangements by the signing of a formal document.

I sense that all the people I have spoken to today are anxious to embark on a new understanding between Russia and Nato." Mr Portillo said. "This will probably re-

MICHAEL PORTILLO, the sult in the signing of some sort of charter because there are practical things on which we need to work together."

The aim will be to avert clashes over thorny issues. such as the revising of the outdated Conventional Forces in Europe agreement, which dates back to 1990. Mr Portillo pre-empted another such question when he reassured the Russians that there was little chance of nuclear wearons being stationed in new Nato member countries, such as Poland and the Czech Republic.

Although he did not put a date on the signing of the new charter. Mr Portillo said the decision on the admission of new members to Nato would take place at a summit to be held no later than next July.

He added that Rodionov, the Russian Defence Minister, had given him a draft agreement on future military co-operation between Britain and Russia which he would take away for further consideration.

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#### Clinton gambles on Far Eastern trade taming the tyranny of Peking

of Asia, just weeks after his reelection, is a reminder of the prominence he wants to give the region in his second term.

However, in courting Asian countries particularly China, he has been attacked for putting short-term trading interests ahead of long-standing principles of foreign policy. The biggest row awaiting Mr Clinton back in Washington - the allegation that his campaign illegally accepted Asian funds — Is an appropriate symbol of the risks he faces in taking money from new-found

Mr Clinton is personally fasci-

In a warning to Europe, President Clinton is signalling that America must look East as much as West, Bronwen Maddox writes

home state to shake off its hillbilly image, he tried to attract Asian investment by opening state of fices in Tokyo and Taipei. In 1994, after Republicans seized control of Congress, Mr Clinton turned to Asian-Americans as a new source of votes and campaign funds. On the campaign trail this year, he used Asian communities' reput-ation for hard work, family values and reverence for education to

illustrate his favourite metaphor of a "bridge to the 21st century". In contrast, Mr Clinton often eems to see in Europe an uncomfortable reminder of America's least tractable problems: longulations and budget deficits.

In a warning to Europe of where America's special relationships are likely to lie in the next century. Mr Clinton said yester-

From America's point of view, the Apec summit of Pacific Rim trading partners, now assembling in the Philippines, is dominated by Mr Clinton's private meeting on Saturday with his Chinese counterpart, Jiang Zemin. In the east year, Mr Clinton has thrown himself fully behind the argument that economic ties with the West will tame China. He now wants to gine together a relationship that

States formally abandoned its attempt to use trade as a lever to promote Chinese respect for hu-

downward spiral, after allegations that the Chinese sold nuclear technology to Pakistan, China's wan Straits ahead of the Nationalist island's elections, and China's unrestrained pirating of American software, music, videos and CDs. This week, however, Warren Christopher, the Secretary of State, said he would raise the subject of human rights on Sahu-day but that "no single issue" should dominate the talks. The message was dear: the Clinton Administration would now pursue a pragmatic path towards common ground. The main reason for the change is the Adminis

ship seemed set on a rapid tration's determination to make a dent in China's trade surplus with the US, which reached \$35 billion in 1995. The influx of goods is visible throughout American shopping mails, where a vast range of household equipment bears the label "Made in

But the new approach has risks. For businesses, the danger is that the legal framework of ownership remains flimsy and the problem of piracy stays unresolved. Ameri-can industry officials put the annual cost to US businesses at between \$2 billion and \$3 billion.

For President Clinton, the political risk of playing down the human rights issues is also conmat suggests privately that the Administration believes the questions do not currently have much resonance in America: "Whatever horrible things go on in China, unlike Rwanda or Zaire, they are not on Cable News Network every night." But a potentially powerful alliance of liberals and conservatives in Congress is vigorously opposed to Mr Clinton's new

warmth towards Peking Mr Clinton's gamble is that trade will undermine tyranny, and that by the time the Peking leadership changes, the commer-cial ties between the two countries will be so extensive that China

#### President warns China against 'bullying'

AT THE start of his two-week tour of Asia and Australia. President Clinton yesterday warned China against international bullying and pledged that the Americans were in the Pacific to stay.

In his first foreign policy speech since his re-election. President Clinton cautioned the Chinese against expansionism while assuring them Washington had no policy of anti-China containment

Peking has repeatedly alleged that the US. Australia, and Japan are conspiring to encircle China. But Mr Clin-ton said: "The United Spates has no interest in containing

Mr Clinton asked the Australian parliament in Canberra: "How will the Chinese define their greatness in the 21st century? In terms of the incredible potential of their people to learn, to produce, to succeed - or to dominate their

Mr Clinton's warning to China came as Warren Christopher, his Secretary of State, ent into talks with President Jiang Zemin, Li Peng, the Prime Minister, and Qian Qichen, the Foreign Minister. of Taiwan is the core Issue of Sino-American relations. If mishandled then our bilateral relationship will be subject to disruptions." He specified that China would feel the relationship was satisfactory when Washington ceased arms sales to Taiwan.

The Foreign Minister said that China did not engage in nuclear proliferation or the sale of missiles, although Mr Christopher had said before his talks began that he would urge Peking to end its nuclear co-operation with Iran. Wil-liam Triplett, an authority on Washington weapons sales. said last night: "The Chinese are secretly building a complete factory in Pakistan for the manufacture of nuclearcapable ballistic missiles."

In Peking Mr Christopher, who has said he wants to resign before the beginning of wholly reassuring. He made it plain when he arrived on Tuesday that the recent imprisonment of Wang Dan. the Tiananmen Square pro-de-mocracy leader, for 11 years would not impede his meetings with President Jiang and



Mr Li, "I expect I'll be discussing human rights and the rule of law issues at all my meetings," Mr Christopher said. "I'd emphasise the importance of the overall relationship, the fact that we have to have a steady and comprehensive approach to the relationship. that's not rooted in a single

On the plane bound for Peking, Nicholas Burns, the State Department spokesman, said that Mr Christopher wanted to "leave his successor. a relationship that's balanced

The result of the new policy has been the smashing of virtually the entire Chinese dissident movement, and little American action when Peking was identified by American intelligence agencies, this year alone, as selling strategic mis-

siles, nuclear technology and a missile factory to Pakistan, a poison-gas factory to Iran and missile parts to Syria. However, although

problems of arms sales and intellectual property remain. as does Washington's commitment to Taiwan, to which Americans sent two aircraft island was menaced by Chinese missiles and invasion manoeuvres, Al Gore, the Vice-President, may visit Peking before the end of this

say that after the Clinton-Jiang meeting on November 24 at the Manila summit of the Asia Pacific Economic Forum, the American President may presidential visits early next

#### US leader's toast to the Queen angers Australian republicans

PROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

PRESIDENT Clinton found nimself embroiled in Australia's republican debate yesterday after toasting the Queen at an official lunch in John Howard, the Austra-

proposed a toast to "Her

the Australian Republican

Australia "just a little bit less of a nation". He said the President's toast underlined the faisity of monarchists who said the head of state was the Governor-General

"He doesn't toast the Governor-General, he toasts the Queen — the truth is be

There you have John Howard proposing the toast to the head of state of Americhosen by Americans, then

Clinton stands up and pro-

mows very well, but whom he land," he said.

You have to wonder whether, in the eyes of Bill Clinton. Australia wasn't being seen at that moment as just a little bit less of a

Asia-Pacific region. Today he will fly to the Queensland resort of Port Douglas, where

#### Baywatch beauty sues for divorce

PROM GOLES WHITTELL IN LOS ANGELES

PAMELA ANDERSON, who played the shapely lifeguard CJ Parker in the popular television series, Baywatch, is

suing for divorce.

Anderson dismayed her parents and fans by marrying Tommy Lee, a rock drummer, after a four-day courtship on a Mexican beach last year. Twenty-one months later, she has filed for divorce and custody of their five-month-old son, saying the pair have "irreconcilable differences".

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The sudden split has surprised Baywatch fans. Despite rumours of drug-taking and frequent rows, the couple have been inseparable since their marriage. Mr Lee, famous for his extensive tattoos and for dropping his trousers on stage with his group, Motley Crue, often joined his wife on

Baywatch locations. The cause of the split is unknown, but sources of stress in the relationship include a lawsuit filed against Lee last month by a photographer whose pelvis was broken 🖘 when the drummer threw him 🚟 to the ground while being filmed leaving a Sunset Strip club in Hollywood.

lisher of Penthouse, who plans to publish photographs he has obtained of them having sex in a car and on a boat.

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#### Pekin Republicans put faith in repackaged Gingrich

A MORE GENTLE and conciliatory Newt Gingrich yesgained unanimous support for his re-election as America's first two-term House Speaker since the 1920s from a Republican Party which views the once firebrand Georgia congressman as one of its best leaders for the Accepting the nomination

after a closed party caucus on Capitol Hill, Mr Gingrich described the approval as bittersweet. His stepfather, Robert Gingrich, had died the previous night after a battle

In many ways his com-ments also reflected Mr Ging-rich's own position in Congress, where some Republicans still view his unpopularity among the electorate as a liability for the next midterm elections in 1998.

Now repackaged as a bipartisan politician eager to do business with the White House, however, he has managed to fend off attempts by a group of former loyalists to make him stand down in the



Gingrich new image as bipartisan politician

face of ethics charges. He is still seen as the architect of a revolution which forced President Clinton's steady march to the right and resulted in the White House adoption of a conservative agenda ranging from tax cuts to welfare.

The conservative theorist and author of the Contract with America, who two years ago swept the Republicans to overall victory in Congress for the first time in 40 years, is

now portrayed as a lukewarm shadow of his former self.

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Once depicted by Time mag-azine as a Dickensian figure swiping Tiny Tim's crutch, the Gingrich stereotype has underigine a progressive facelift since the Republican conven-tion in August. Shown as a caring animal lover and fam-ily man, his smiling face has been broadcast nightly on the nation's television screens beneath a picture of the US Capitol bearing the slogan,
"Under New Management".
"He needs to be patient, less

strident and focus on his vision for America and his strategy for doing it, and I think he's doing that," said Chris Shays, the moderate Connecticut Republican who had considered breaking ranks with Mr Gingrich. "It like people to know Newt as I know him, as a true visionary, a dedicated and patriotic pub-

Analysts believe the down ward spiral in popularity for Mr Gingrich, which left him vilified in the polls by Demo-crats and continues to affect

his standing among the electorate, began during the gov-

ernment shutdown last year. Described as a "cry baby" for complaining that President Clinton had snubbed him on board Air Force One while flying to the funeral of Yitzhak Rabin, the assassinated Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Gingrich was never able to recover his previous stature.

The Speaker's office was flooded with complaints that his comments had trivialised the overall Republican mess-age during the critical budget talks with the White House and given Mr Clinton an easy target for his campaign. The Republican House cau-

cus, which also re-elected Dick Armey as majority leader and Tom DeLay as majority whip yesterday, is expected to devolve more power from the Speaker to committee chairmen in an interim effort to keep Mr Gingrich out of the spotlight. The only question that remains is whether, as some suspect, he may return with a vengeance to run for the presidency in 2000.



Marshall Wais recounts his kidnap ordeal outside his San Francisco home

#### Magnate freed for \$500,000 ransom

San Francisco: Blindfolded. handcuffed and held at gunpoint in a van for nearly eight hours, Marshall Wais, a steel magnate, got a goodwill ges-ture from his kidnappers as they set him free. The abductors, who had just collected a \$500,000 (£300,000) ransom, gave him \$20 for a cab fare

Moments after he walked free, police rammed the getaway van and arrested two men. ending a day-long or-deal on Tuesday for the 79year-old businessman, a San Francisco philanthropist.

Mr Wais said his kidnappers did not mince words as they drove around San Francisco, stopping to call from pay phones. They said if there were any police around, that would be the end of me.

The drama began when two men barged into his \$3 million home as his maid opened the door to take out the rubbish. They tied her up and ordered him out of bed. But his stepson managed to sneak out and alert police. The suspects were unaware that police were on to them. (AP)

#### King family sues CBS over video of 'dream' speech

FROM QUENTIN LETTS

THE widow and family of Martin Luther King are suing an American television news station for using extracts of the US civil rights leader's most celebrated speech.

CBS News is selling a boxed videotape set of history programmes which carries ong bursts of King's 1963 "I have a dream" speech at the Lincoln Memorial, Washington D.C. Three weeks after making the speech, King registered his copyright to the words. Ownership of that speech and others which King made during his political career have helped to keep his family in financial security since his death.

The television company is expected to argue that its use prise 25 per cent of the videotape, was justified on grounds of public interest and because the film was shot by CBS news cameras which were covering the event in 1963. A CBS executive, Andrew Heyward, claimed that the use of the historic footage was protected under the US First Amendment — which tees freedom of speech

and by its own copyright on the film.

When he registered his



King his "dream"

ownership. King listed not only his draft of the speech but also a later edited version and an audiotage which recorded the distinctive, mournful cadences of his oratory. His delivery turned "I have a dream" into arguably the best-known phrase in America. The family, led by Mrs Coretta King, has engaged a prominent Atlanta lawyer, Joe Beck, to represent them. A friend of the family said they were "determined to protect their inheritance.

In 1964 King won the Nobel peace prize for his efforts to improve the lot of America's blacks. He was assassinated in 1968 by a white man in

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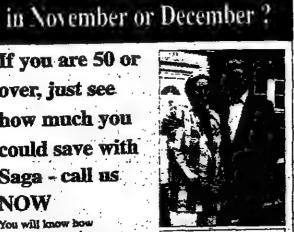
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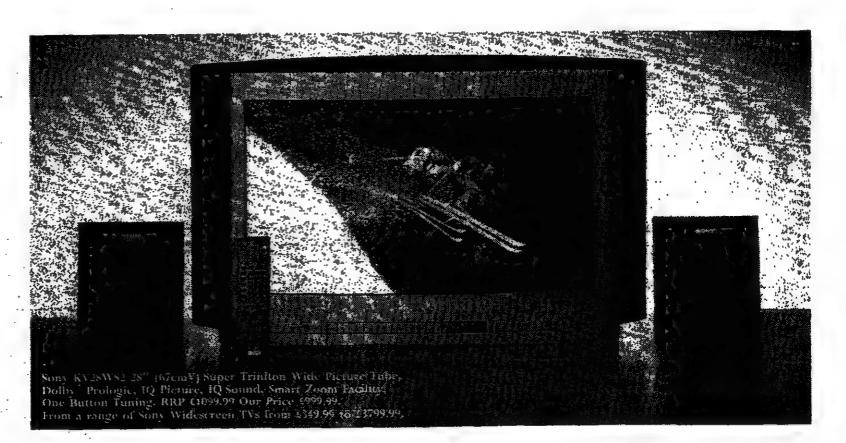
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#### Tasmania killer is 'simple but not criminally insane'

FROM ROGER MAYNARD IN SYDNEY

WHAT prompted mass murderer Martin Bryant to kill 35 people in last April's Port Arthur massacre will almost certainly remain a mystery. After two days of evidence

Tasmania's Supreme Court was told yesterday that the 29year-old gunman was not criminally insane, but simple. He had a mental age of ten and possibly suffered from a rare personality disorder known as Asperger's synper cent of the population.

But he was not mad and, according to John Avery, his lawyer, he was merely a person of "very limited intellectual capacity". The defence barrister said he had nothing to say in Bryant's mitigation, other than to point out he had an IQ of 66. Ninety per cent of 11-year-olds would score better

than Bryant, he said. Mr Avery said that Bryant accepted that he should spend the rest of his life in jail. "Martin Bryant accepts that in all probability he will never be released from prison and will die there and he also accepts that that would be a not inappropriate sentence," he

shown a videotape of a police interview with Bryant recorded soon after last April's massacre.

In it he laughed and rambled his way through 90 minutes of questioning by

"I shouldn't be here," he told officers in his prison cell. "I wish I had my ARI5 gun, then I could get out of here," he The court heard that the

defendant had told a psychiatrist that guns gave him power. "I could just go bang, bang, bang," he said. Bryant's high-pitched voice occasionally burst into a snig-

ger on the tape as he strayed from the subject to talk about surfing and his father. "Do you remember what happened on the day of the

killings?", he was asked. "No. no. I don't." he replied. Asked about the semi-automatic weapon he used to kill most of his victims, Bryant

described it as a "sweet little gun". He had paid £2,500 for it and had not been asked to show a firearm licence, which he did not possess anyway.

cans or home-made targets. However, he refused to use bottles, for fear the broken glass might hurt animals. "It just made me feel good, letting a few rounds off," he

The second day of Bryant's sentencing hearing in Hobart also heard about the deaths of three people he had taken hostage at the Seascape guest house, near the former penal colony. One of his victims was handcuffed and another gagged before being shot

A third person who was forced at gunpoint into the back of a stolen BMW after Bryant's shooting rampage was also later found in the burnt-out guest house shot dead and with his wrists handcuffed behind his back. All three bodies were burnt beyond recognition, the court

The court was told that Bryant was incapable of showing remorse and revelled in the notoriety achieved by the massacre.

"It was just in my mind to go down and kill a lot of people."

#### Bryant told police he regu The judge will sentence Bryant tomorrow. larly went shooting in the Port Arthur area, often using tin Rare mental condition can bring on dangerous rages

murderer, Martin Bryant, is sane, as has been claimed in court, that means he was aware when he committed his murders that his actions were uniawfui.

It has been suggested in his defence that he could be suffering from Asperger's syndrome. This is a strange and rare condition which some authorities think is associated with autism and, as with autism, there is often evidence that there may have been minimal brain damage at, or before, birth.

syndrome may have limited but obsessive interests. He may, for instance, know all there is to be known about orchids or medieval armour. but take little notice of anything else, and may have a low IQ. People with Asperger's are emotionally very detached, and their ability to

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form normal social relationships is severely reduced. behaviour is often

The standard stage portrayal of the mad professor who is unable to manage everyday life, is obsessed by the trivia of his chosen subject and is detached, anti-social and eccentric, is an exami Asperger's in one of its milder manifestations.

People with Asperger syndrome, like those with autism. have a consuming desire to make certain that there is no change in the established routine. A year or two ago, I Asperger's who was reduced

By MICHAEL BINYON

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

BRITAIN yesterday gave Isra-

el a blunt warning that its friends were finding it increas-

ingly difficult to support the

Jewish state as long as the Government of Binyamin

Netanyahu continued to build

In unusually sharp re-

marks, Malcolm Rifkind, the

Foreign Secretary, told Yitz-

hak Mordechai, the Israeli

Defence Minister, that his

country's reputation was

being damaged by its policy of

new settlements.

to uncontrollable and dangerous rages if the family dinner table had been set in any way different from its usual pattern, or if any of his siblings or even parents were fractionally late for a meal.

The forensic psychiatrists will have excluded untreated schlzophrenia and it seems diagnoses in Bryant's Both these conditions must have been possible explanations for the killer's extraordinary action, and are very much more common than Asperger's syndrome.

> DR THOMAS STUTTAFORD

Rifkind blasts Israeli policy

building new settlements. During a visit to Hebron two

weeks ago, Mr Rifkind under-

lined Britain's view that all

such settlements were illegal.

Mr Rifkind also criticised

the lack of movement in

negotiations on withdrawing

Israeli troops from Hebron.

And he gave Mr Mordechai a

warning that the continuing closure of Israel's frontiers to

Palestinian workers was lead-

ing to growing frustration in

Gaza and the occupied territo-

ries. He said many Palestin-

ians were losing faith in the

peace process, and Israel

#### Taleban terror halts UN relief

FROM ZAHID HUSSAIN

THE United Nations refugee agency has frozen all its programmes in Kabul, the Alghan capital, because of increasing security concern for its local staff, many of whom have been detained by the Taleban administration.

A spokesman for the UN High Commissioner for Refugees in Islamabad, the Pakistan capital, said it had become increasingly difficult for the agency to operate in Kabul as half of its 22 local staff members had disappeared and others were being harassed

"We simply cannot function in this situation," Rupert Colville, the Islamabad-based UNHCR representative said. The decision to suspend the programme has come with the arrival of the harsh winter. "It has been a very difficult decision but we don't have any choice," he said.

The UNHCR has been involved in more than a dozen projects, including distribution of construction materials, quilts and food to the vulnerable, mostly widows, in the war-devastated city. The agen-cy has 40 members of staff in the capital, of whom 22 are Afghans. The UN agency has faced serious problems since the Islamic movement swept Kabul in September.

Last month Taleban militia arrested one of the agency's drivers when he went to the market to buy medicines. His whereabouts are not known. Three other local staff mem-bers were arrested on November 12 as they left the office. Despite efforts by the agency, the Taleban administration

has not released them. The worst incident of har assment occurred last week when the house of an international member of the agency was ransacked by armed Tale-ban fighters. The attackers occupied the house for five hours and threatened him

before leaving in the morning. The other local staff members, including women, are too frightened to come to work. "At least seven women staffers have been forcibly Taleban authorities," Mr Colville said. "We cannot run our programmes with half of our local staff missing and others living in constant fear."

He said that the agency would be prepared to resume its operation only after Taleban guaranteed the safety

needed to distinguish between

terrorists and those who were

becoming sympathetic to ter-

Mr Rifkind criticised the

Israeli court which this week

imposed only a fine of less

than a penny on four soldiers

found guilty of fatally shooting

a Palestinian at a road block.

He said this gave an impres-sion that Israel put little value on the Palestinian life.

Mr Mordechai, who is in

Britain on a private visit, will

be having talks today with

Michael Portillo, the Defence

rorism out of frustration.



Divers at the wreck of the fifth-century BC boat with its cargo of amphoras

#### Bermuda Triangle' of ancient wrecks puzzles Aegean divers

FROM ANDREW FINKEL

MARINE archaeologists responsible for the discovery of the world's oldest known shipwreck, the Bronze Age boat at Uluburun, have revealed another remarkable find off the coast of Turkey.

Divers, acting on a spongediver's tip and searching outside their normal survey area, located what appears to be a mim "Bermuda Triangle" of seven sunken vessels, including the only known boat from

the fifth century BC.
The latest find was identified through a cargo of amphoras containing resin lying on the seabed which had been loaded 2,500 years ago on the vessel. The rest of the cargo is preserved along with the re-mains of the hull buried

under a bank of sand. Preliminary analysis of the clay amphoras suggests that the boat is, after the Uluburun site, the second oldest known shipwreck in the region, dating from the beginning of the Classical Greek age. The ves-sel may have foundered while trading between the island of Samos and the city of Teos, or



key's Aegean coast, just south of the Cesme peninsula.

That this ancient ship found its way to the same watery grave is puzzling staff of the Institute of Nautical Archaeology at Texas A. and M. University, who discovered the vessels. The six other boats, the latest being an Ottoman steamer called the Inayet sunk in 1902, are all within a few hundred yards of one another. Yet the spot is not known to be dangerous. It is precisely for this reason that no one bothered for so long to look for wrecks there, according to Tufan Turanil, who headed the survey team that

made the discovery. He said he was acting on a

tip-off from a sponge diver who spoke of finding an amphora nearby Many of the other boats including a Roman ship and a Byzantine vessel carrying millstones, would normally lospire academic interest in their own right. For the moment, however, all has been eclipsed by the excitement of the discov-ery of the Greek ship. The hull, about 49ft long, is

lying at a recoverable depth of around 130ft. Its examination, expected to begin next sum-mer, will fill important gaps in the history of seafaring and the evolution of shipbuilding. Examination of its contents will provide the most compiete snapshot of commercial life and trading relations of this early period.

The Uluburun wreck was identified in 1982 simply from a few glass ingots on the scabed near the town of Kas. Its excavation is forcing historians to revise their knowledge of the late Bronze Age. Divers uncovered a treasure trove of goods from Africa to Afghanistan, including ebony and ivories and a

gold scarab of Queen Nefertiti

of Egypt.



#### Poll fraud claimed in Zambia

Lusaka: A human rights alli-ance has accused President ance has accused President Chiluba's party of "rampant vote-buying" in yesterday's Zambian presidential and general elections (Jan Raath writes). With two thirds of the vote counted, Mr Chiluba's MMD was heading for a landslide. The alliance's claim strengthens the bid of Kenneth strengthens the bid of Kenneth Kaunda, the former President, who was barred from contest-ing and intends to ask the Supreme Court to invalidate the poll But the Electoral Commission said it was satis-fied it was "free and fair".

#### Appeal to EU on beef closure

Brussels: The European Commission is to investigate a complaint by the Hard Rock Cafe that the closure of its Paris branch broke European Union law (Leyla Linton writes). French police shut the restaurant this month when they found minced beef which. they said had been illegally imported from Britain. But the Hard Rock Cafe says the meat came from Irish cattle, processed in England, and legally imported.

#### US reward for hostage clues

Islamabad: America an nounced a substantial cash reward for verifiable informa-tion on the whereabouts of Dr Donald Hutchings, a US citizen abducted in the Indian state of Kashmir about 16 months ago (Zahid Hussain writes). Dr Hutchings and two Britons, Keith Mandan and Paul Wells, have been held captive since July 4, 1995, by the Al Faran separatist group

#### Jordan lovers to die for murder

Amman: A mother of nine and her lover have been sentenced to death for killing the wornan's husband with rat poison. the Jordan Times reported. It Mirech, 60, because they believed he would never grant his 35-year-old wife a divorce. The couple married when she was 13 years old. (Reuter)

#### Tribute to death railway victims

Banskok: Australia will build a museum in Thailand to commemorate the Allied forces who died building the Burma-Thailand "death railway during the Second World War, an embassy official said. The Thai Cabinet has endorsed the plan. (AFP)



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#### France to give teenagers five-day drill on how to become a model citizen

FROM ADAM SAGE

FRENCH teenagers — female as well as male — will have to go on five-day civic instruction courses under plans to replace national conscription.

Anythne who fails to take part in

the course will be unable to apply for a civil service job, enter higher education or obtain social security. were leaked All 18-year-olds will be told of yesterday.

their "rights and duties" as French ... With military service due to becitizens, given a medical check-up phased out on the orders of and receive career advice during President Chirac early next centu-

Brushing aside criticism that its inder plans to replace national five days of teenage mayhen, the Government will signal its determanyone who fails to take part in ination to press ahead with the "citizen encounters" will turn into scheme by setting up a pilot project next year. Details of the proposals were leaked to the French media

ry, senior politicians on both sides of the divide have said that an obligatory "rendez-vous" is necessary to preserve a sense of national cohesion. Some rightwingers have called for up to six months of civic instruction as the only way of preventing the breakdown of

But the Cabinet of Alain Juppe;

the Prime Minister, decided that this was too costly and too difficult to impose on a rebellious youth. Instead it opted for a minimum five-day course to be run by 1,000 civilians and up to 7,000 military personnel. "The shorter the courses, the more they will be tolerated," a source in the Prime Minister's office said.

The 12 civic instruction centres to be set up across the country will be capable of housing up to 800

teenagers at a time. All teenagers on the courses will undergo a medical examination, an analysis of their performance at school and an assessment of their prospects in higher education or work. They will also be given details of France's institutions and defence force, and told how to be a better citizen. The Government says it plans to offer a deeper understanding of 'the rights and duties emanating from

participation in the national com-

munity" but has yet to spell out what this will entail.

However, it is known that President Chirac wants to use the course to encourage 18-year-olds to undertake state-sponsored charity work before looking for a job or place at

A "citizen-mediator" will be on hand to prevent conflicts between the teenagers themselves, or be-tween the teeangers and their instructors. The scheme should be in operation for males by 1999 and will become obligatory for females from 2003. The proposals, designed to dampen criticism over the abolition of national service, are nonetheless certain to prove controversial. Opponents say five days is not long enough to be taken seriously by teenagers, who will be tempted to see the "rendez-vous citoyen" as a giant holiday camp.

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'Fighting'

Yeltsin

thanks

Russians

FROM RICHARD BEESTON IN MOSCOW FOR the first time in more

than a month. President

Yeltsin last night appeared on

Russian television to tell the

people he was in fighting mood and would soon be back

Wearing a fur hat and down jacket and holding on to the

arm of his granddaughter Masha, he looked thin, frail

and slightly dazed after his

quintuple heart bypass opera-

tion two weeks ago. Neverthe-less, as he walked through the

grounds of the Central Clini-

cal Hospital, accompanied by

his wife, Naina, and daughter,

Tatyana, he spoke clearly and appeared confident of making

a full recovery, and thanked the people for their support during the operation.

firmly back on my feet, but the

doctors have done their busi-

ness," he said. Doctors yester-

day removed his stitches and

he is expected to leave hospital

today to recuperate at the

Barvikha sanatorium outside

Mr Yeltsin has been trying

to defuse the potentially explo-sive situation in neighbouring

Belarus, President Lukashen-

ko vowed vesterday to contin-

ue his struggle with the Minsk

parliament over plans to hold

a referendum on Sunday that

would give him sweeping new

Although he had lengthy talks with Mr Yeltsin about

the crisis in Belarus, he did not

turn up to Russian-sponsored

peace talks last night in Smo-

lensk, saying he was too busy.

"I would not say that I am

in control of the country.

#### London connection puts Berlusconi back in the dock

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

STLVIO BERLUSCONI, the media tycoon and leader of the opposition Centre Right, goes on trial today in Milan on new and potentially damaging

corruption charges.
The evidence will be partly based on documents seized by the Serious Fraud Office from the London offices of his Fininvest business empire which allegedly reveal a complex secret network of offshore companies and Swiss bank

The charges of false accounting and illegal party financing, which he denies, are the most serious yet brought against the flamboyant former Prime Minister. On the other hand, the trial is likely to be adjourned the moment it begins, a reflection of the fact that the "Clean Hands" anti-corruption drive launched four years ago is in chaos and the Italian legal

system cannot cope.
Five thousand officials, politicians and businessmen have been investigated since the collapse of the Christian Democrats in 1992, and charges have been laid against 2,000 in what the press dubbed Tan-gentopoli (Bribesville). However, only 300 have actually been tried, and a mere handful have gone to jail, with the rest either acquitted or freed pending appeal.

Antonio Di Pietro, the magistrate who launched "Clean Hands" in Milan, last week resigned as a minister in the Centre Left Government of Romano Prodi because he has

a gaz death

alleged "irregularities". He claims that his most powerful victims, including Signor Berlusconi and his younger brother Paolo, are conducting

a vendetta against him. Paolo Berlusconi and Ce-sare Previti, the former Defence Minister in the shortlived 1994 Berlusconi administration, are on trial intermittently - in Brescia for allegedly blackmailing Signor Di Pietro into resigning as a magistrate two years ago.

In January this year, Signor Berlusconi went on trial for alleged complicity in the bribery of tax inspectors auditing his media and advertising subsidiaries.

Because of the Byzantine complexities of the legal system, and the sheer workload of the anti-corruption magistrates, this first trial shows no sign of reaching a conclusion. Signor Berlusconi has used

his showbusiness skills and



Berlusconi: first trial

control of the media to capitalise on popular discontent over the Prodi Government's attempts to impose a Euro tax to bring Italy into line with the Maastricht single currency criteria.

However, Signor Berlus-coni's chances of re-election have been dented by continuing corruption charges. Lawyers say the fact that he tried for six months to prevent the London documents reaching the Milan court shows he realises how damaging the latest trial could be.

The Fininvest papers were seized in a raid in April carried out at the request of Iralian magistrates - on the Regent Street offices of Edsaco, Signor Berlusconi's London agents, and the Banca Commerciale Italiana.

Lawyers say the documents show Fininvest paid \$6.5 mil-lion into a Swiss bank account allegedly controlled by Bettino Craxi, Prime Minister in the 1980s, in return for "favourable" rulings by the Craxi Government relating to Signor Berlusconi's labyrinthine usiness interests.

Signor Craxi was convicted of corruption in 1994 and fled to Tunisia to escape a 20-year prison sentence. This week he was jailed for a further five and a half years in absentia. Lawyers say that the

London papers go beyond the Craxi connection and reveal a much wider network of offshore companies and Swiss bank accounts used by Fininvest for alleged "false



Three dichard supporters of General Franco, the Spanish dictator, give the Fascist salute at his tomb in the Valley of the Fallen, 18 miles northwest of Madrid. They

#### **Fascist homage to Franco**

yesterday to pay homage to El Caudillo on the 21st anniversary of his death

nant with the remembrance

Spain's last patriots." Later. traded abuse with left-wing protesters, "damned Reds"

#### Drivers' gridlock forces hint of Paris offer

Paris: Traffic jams spread across France yesterday as lorry drivers set up more roadblocks in support of their campaign for better pay and a shorter working week (Adam Sage writes).

On the third day of the strike some motorways, including the A6 that links Paris and Lyons, were shut down as Bordeaux, where Alain Juppé, the Prime Minister, is Mayor, faced gridlock as all access routes were closed.

Police said there were miles of jams around most provincial cities and advised travellers to stay at home or take the train. The hauliers want payment for all the hours spent away from home and not just

work a maximum of 48 hours a week and to retire at 55.

Owners of road haulage companies say they would like to meet the demands, but cannot do so because of high taxes — throwing an unwanted ball into the Government's court. Sources suggested the Government was prepared to

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and a thief . . as a new TV costume drama on Moll Flanders approaches, we show what life was really like in her day

She was a whore

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Suzanne isn't just a good hairdresser, she's also got a very good business head on her shoulders. After seeing a friend on it alone, she decided

their starter packs. The video included the general experiences of people who have recently thorough insight into just what's invol

problem - finding some original 1950s barber chairs, which according to Suzanne, are "all-the-rage"









Dr Thomas Stuttaford on the telltale signs of Parkinson's The problem with tattoos When stress can protect women



## A killer's creeping advance

he placing of a stone in memory of Sir John Betjeman in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey, has recently been celebrated by a service taken by the Dean. Lady Wilson of Rievaulx, the widow of the former Prime Minister, made a short speech. There were readings by Joanna Lumley and the actor Kenneth Cranham, and the author Patrick Leigh Fermor delivered an

address.

Sir John continued to inspire, amuse and

intrigue his admirers despite the slow advance of Parkinson's disease. Sir John's lack of facial expression, and a voice which was becoming increasingly soft and slow, both classic signs of the disease, might have detracted from some people's observations on life and times in general, and literature in particular. but in his case it seemed to give them an additional

Sir John was not alone in his troubles. There are 100,000 people in Britain with the disease, and at 65, one in 100 of the population can expect to have some symptoms of it. Contrary to popular be-

lief, Parkinson's does not affect only the aged. One in 20 of those who develor it first show evidence of the disease before they

Parkinson's starts insidiously and thereafter the symptoms gradually worsen over many years. It is not uncommon for patients to have the condition for 25 to 30 years.

Movements become increasingly laboured and clumsy as the disease advances, the handwriting becomes ever smaller and more spidery, the person is slower to smile than they used to be and the face takes on an inscrutable

The loss of facial expression means that there is no immediate lightening of the face, and a ready smile, when an old friend is greeted. If a compliment is passed the person with Parkinson's disease does not respond.

These changes can make it appear that someone with Parkinson's is both arrogant and surly. The delayed response when taking part

Often the initial symptoms of the disease are dismissed by the patient, and their doctors, as

the consequences of ageing, and the diagnosis is delayed until the classic signs of rigidity of limb movements, the characteristic slow shake, and the curious walk of the sufferers, make it

> The television film about Jeremy Thorpe this week illustrated many of the signs and symptoms of Parkinson's disease. The stoop, the rapid shuffling gait, interspersed with pauses and coupled with a lack of armswinging which would drive a drill sergeant

crazy, together with the blank face, reduced blink rate and soft, indistinct voice were all classic features, but sad to see in a man who had once dominated the House of Commons.

Recently, American scientists daim to have isolated a gene which is responsible for some cases. It has been known for many years that in some people there is a genetic predisposition to develop the condition. One survey suggests that having a close relative with it made the chance of developing the trouble 15 times more likely. This is unduly pessimistic, but most experts agree that the risk is at least twice as great to those who have a family history.

Other factors also predispose to Parkinson's disease. And, strangely, an unhealthy urban lifestyle spent in smoke-filled rooms provide

Betjeman: classic symptoms

The disease is one of the few conditions which is less common to those who have smoked cigarettes for most of their lives and there is less chance of developing it if someone has lived in a city, rather than if they have enjoyed a rural

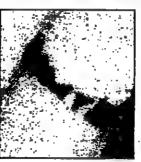
The water from the tap may taste unpleasant, but those who tolerate it are less likely to have the disease than those who have revelled in the sparkling waters from a rural well.

Conversely, there is some evidence that antioxidant vitamins A, C and E may slow its

Its treatment was revolutionised when it was discovered that Levodopa eased its symptoms. More recently, the value of Levodopa therapy Madopar, which inhibits the enzymes which break down Levodopa. These enzymes were able to neutralise Levodopa before it could exert its action on the brain.



Digitally challenged: Pamela Anderson, and, below left, her wedding ring tattoo



#### Taking out Pamela's tattoo

THE news that Pamela Anderson, star of Baywatch, plans a divorce after 21 months of marriage is likely to present an unusual prob-- removing the "wedfinger. Professor Nicholas Lowe, the Harley Street cosmetic dermatologist, says it will depend on the colour of the tattoo. Red and brown tattoo marks are the most difficult to erass. Blue, greens and black are comparatively easily cradicated. to 12 removal treatments at anything from £200 to £1,000 a time.

## Why Lynda of Ambridge has a healthy heart

'It is the

effacing

women

who are

vulnerable'

post-menopausal women are as likely to suffer from coronary heart disease as men, even though the treatment they get is often inferior. zine reports that a recent strivey by research workers from the University of Dundee has demonstrated that the factors which predispose women to develop heart disease are different from those which are dangerous to

The Dundee study has revealed that those women who have a character like Lynda Snell, of *The Archers* on Radio 4, and many other busy. competitive, late middle-aged women of the type who are constantly lampooned in films and on television, are less likely to develop

It is the quiet, self-effacing women, who retain a feminine approach to life into middle age, who are the vulnerable ones: In medical terminology, possessing a type A protective in

heart disease, housing conditant to women than to men. If a man is living in a second-rate house in a deprived area. these do not even figure among the top 12 factors which are likely to lead to cardiovascular troubles.

However, where women are concerned, living conditions of this sort are an important consideration. Women are also more likely to develop heart disease if their work does not keep them physically

A consultation with their family doctor will also display. other signs and symptoms which are of a different significance in the two sexes. In men, the total amount of cholestern present in their blood is more high proportion of this blood, fat is carried in the high or low density lipoprotein low density lipoprotein cholesterol (the more pernicious form) is the relevant factor, rather than the total cholest-

Doctors do not only measure cholesterol in the patient's blood but also another blood fat, the triglycerides. In women, the level of the triglycerides is highly signifi-cant these triglyceride levels

should be low: There are also changes in the importance which can be attributed to blood pressure. In the Dundee survey of the female diastolic blood pressure, the lower of the two readings is of no significance.

In men, it is the fourth most reliable indicator of the likelihood of a coronary thrombosis and is regarded as a more important risk fac-

tor than smoking. In both sexes the the higher reading. quiet, selfis important.

Being over-weight is much more dangerous in men than women; not included in the 12 important fac-Diabetes is a risk factor in both sexes

but is relatively more important for women. However, men should watch their vitamin C intake, which should be high, and their alcohol intake, which should not be more than moderate.

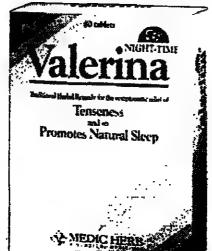
in both sexes, light to moderate drinking, whatever the nature of the alcohol, results in a lower incidence of heart disease than in those who abstain or drink heavily. Those who drink red wine have a particular advantage.

Although the interest in the Dundee research is mainly in the differences between men and women in the relationship of their lifestyles and various factors to heart disease, several other elements are equally

important. Cigarette smoking is hazardous for both sexes. And previously had cardiac symptoms, this is a good indication that steps should be taken to prevent a heart attack.

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A REPORT by the charity Research Into Ageing says that 25 per cent of patients who have been told they have Alzheimer's disease have been misdiagnosed. These patients are, in fact, suffering from Lewy body

These patients need different treatment from that recommended for Alzheimer's and some of the drugs used to control the symptoms of Alzheimer's can make them worse. Unfortunately, the difference between the two dementias is not generally

and surviving traffic jams all conspire to do little for a taxi driver's blood pressure. Furthermore, cab drivers don't

have time for exercise and are

apt to spend hours playing cards in smokey cafes.

It has been accepted for 40

years that the price taxi driv-

ers pay for an independent

lifestyle is an increased risk of cardiovascular disease, but until recently nobody had

thought to do research into the

effect of cab driving on the

A report in the General Journal of Industrial Medi-

cine has compared the sperm

count of 72 Roman taxi drivers

with the count in an equal number of carefully matched

controls - men who are not

The taxi drivers' chance of

achieving fatherhood is not

improved by their occupation. Their total sperm count, and the number of normal sperm,

is reduced even when other

factors such as smoking and

lack of exercise are taken into

This new report confirms

other studies that suggest long

hours at the wheel reduce

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Robert Altman evokes Thirties jazz and sleaze in the film

Kansas City

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reproductive system.

#### recognised, and all forms of intellectual loss in older age groups is apt to be designated Alzheimer's. Elizabeth Mills, director of Research need very special support."

Into Ageing, said: "Sufferers from . Lewy body dementia and their families

In Lewy body dementia the degree of disability fluctuates and during the

Not all dementia

is Alzheimer's

bad bouts, which sometimes last for days or weeks, the patient may suffer hallocinations, seeing, talking to and even establishing relationships with non-existent people and animals. While deluded, the patients may be aggressive. In between the bad bouts, patients with Lewy body dementia are all too aware of their condition and the problems it causes their families. Many have blackouts, during which time they could suffer a dangerous fall.

Others may show some of the symptoms of Parkinson's disease.

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## Fashion's strangest muse? The Grace Bradberry on a quirky aristocrat with an eye for bizarre talent who inspires

Alexander McQueen and Philip Treacy

sabella Blow is an eccen-tric English aristocrat toothy smile. The aquiline nose adds a touch of aristowith a love of hats and a tendency to wear lipstick on her chin. She is also one of the most influential people in British fashion.

Last month, as Paris buzzed with rumours that Alexander McQueen, designer of the notorious "bumster" trousers, would take over from John Galliano at Givenchy, Isabella was there at his side, in the front row of Rifat Ozbek's show at the Moulin Rouge.

And later that month, when McQueen stood up to make his acceptance speech at the British Fashion Awards, where he had just been named Designer of the Year, it was Isabella be thanked - along with his mum. Later in the evening, Philip Treacy, whose hats dominate both Ascot and . the Paris catwalks, also paid her an effusive tribute.

To these two men, Mrs. Blow, 38, the wife of Bristol barrister Detmar Blow, is muse, confidante and kingmaker. Julien Macdonald, a Welsh knitwear designer spot-ted by Karl Lagerfeld even before he left the Royal College of Art, has become her third protégé. It is an enviable position: when McQueen graduated from St Martin's in 1992, she bought his entire collection. With her help, his apparently absurd style sparked the whole hipster

Her ability to anticipate an improbable trend verges on the uncarny. She is the woman who, four years ago, was to be seen wearing high-waisted Big Knickers under see-through dresses — a look that appeared this autumn on the catwalks of Milan and Paris.

Yet despite her undeniable eye for talent, there are plenty of people in the fashion world who regard Mrs Blow as a ridiculous figure - at best an eccentric, at worst a groupie whose social connections and wealth enable her to play the fashion grande dame, in the manner of Diana Vrecland, without the talent to back it up.

Like Vreeland, her appearance is arresting rather than beautiful. She has protuberant. cratic hauteur.

At the dinner after the British Fashion Awards last month, her face was scarcely visible. On this occasion she was wearing a truly remarkable McQueen dress which rose up over a kind of crown on the top of her head, then plunged down as far as her waist in a well at the front. The effect was pure Morticia

"It was extraordinary badluck for her that soup was the first course," says Nicholas Coleridge, managing director of the Vogue publishers, Con-de Nast, who was seated with Mrs Blow at dinner that night "She sort of lifted it to about eye level for dinner, then dropped it down again."

> 'She's a character herself, so it rubs off on the designers'

And his assessment of "Alexander McQueen's so-called muse", as he called her? "Izzy Blow has given an awful lot of help to McQueen and others. Probably being a fashion designer is quite a lonely occupation and having somebody vivacious and noisy — I was about to say daft, but I'm not

going to — cheers them up."
So what exactly does Mrs
Blow do? People have a certain
amount of trouble defining
this. Her "job" is as a stylist. putting together hats, shoes and dresses for photographic shoots and on the catwalk. She was once style editor of Tatler. her official title is now contributing editor at Vogue, but her exact role there is vague.

"Her talent is really taking up designers and supporting them verbally - and I'm sure financially - and creating a berz about them," says Lucinda Chambers, fashion director

herself, so it rubs off on the designers, and they also get publicity as a result of it." But then, Mrs. Blow is not the sort of woman whom arryone necessarily expects to have a job. She is the granddaughter of Sir Henry John Delves Broughton, the man cleared of the murder of Lord Erroll in the infamous "Happy Valley" trial in Kenya, and a cousin of the aristocratic supermodel, Honor Fraser, whom she encouraged to go on the catwalk. Her father, Sir Evelyn, died in 1993, leaving

her only £5,000. Her mother,

Helen, had been his second

wife. His third wife, Rona,

received £7 million. Despite this financial setback, Isabella and her husband live in considerable style in his ancestral home in Gloucestershire, where tapestries and portraits of Tudor royalty adorn the walls. They married in 1989 (Isabella had earlier been briefly married to an American). Among the couple's eclectic range of acquaintances is Princess Margaret, who refers to Mrs Blow as, simply. The Har.

Mrs Blow was educated at Heathfield boarding school, then attended Columbia University in New York, before Anna Wintour, editor of American Vogue, took her on as a fashion assistant. Then, in 1987, Mark Boxer gave her the job of style editor of Tatler. where she set about creating memorable society portraits.

ut it was a limited sphere of influence, and many in the fashion world believed that she would remain a fringe eccentric. It would be an casy mistake to make.

The fashion world is, of

course, rich in colourful sacred

monsters - but Mrs Blow is eccentric enough to stand out. And her status as muse to McQueen may be about to pay dividends. In March, The New York Times described her as the key to the two strongest shows in London this season - Alexander McQueen and Philip Treacy". With McQueen's move to Paris, his

muse may be about to storm

the most prestigious ramparts



#### How I was cut off by the fire

The drama in the Channel Tunnel has made us an island race once again, declares Libby Purves

TWO YEARS on from its first journey beneath the Channel, we were Le Shuttle virgins: crusty old shellbacks loyal to the ferry and to lurching across the Dover Strait in little sailing boats. On Monday, we decided on a whim to let technology take us over the water. Sorry, under the water. It is just as well we do not believe in a smart alec deity who would set fire to a lorry just to teach us a lesson.

The outward journey went smoothly: coasting down a slack M20, cruising beneath the white gantries and through the blandness

of the pre-tun-nel shopping mall, we began to believe in millennial Britain: efficient, Europhile, 25 minutes from mainland Europe in the Thatcherite affluence of your own car. During the crossing there

was an artfully stage-managed atmosphere of mild boredom, designed to neutralise tunnel nerves. And once you have got used to the peculiar sensation of sitting in a car seat which is swaying like a train, the novelty is over. So is the trip: half as hour from the Folkestone pay booth we were on the Calais bypass.

the great anticlimax to our island history. RIP the romance of the Channel crossing: the Scarlet Pimpernel fleeing the Jaco-bites, Catholics fleeing Elizabeth I, the little ships of Dunkirk, the magic of the words Fair stood the wind for France, and jokes about "Fog in Channel, Continent cut off". All gone down the bland tunnel.

ly: "Would you use the tunnel now? Ring us. What I want to know is, why doesn't it leak?" Radio S had 20 minutes of fashion features followed by a brief bulletin saying it would be "afternoon" before the tunnel reopened; then a French station, better informed, said it would be a

As we swerved off for Calais port, peering at road signs obscured by the blizzard, the French station announced that Channel ferries were severely disrupted by gales. Continent cut off. We passed a sign to

'A sign said Dunkirk. P&O ferry

some little ships come

Altogether, I felt, this is

You know what happened. Driving confidently back on Tuesday towards its mouth, we turned on the Radio 4 news to hear of the freight train fire. We found Talk Radio emoting loudfull day or longer. Thick snow began to fall.

Dunkirk May-be some little ships would

personnel took Would our shuttle tickets with visible giggles of Schadenfreude. There were three hours in and get us?"

the ferry queue while the Pride of Burgundy laboured towards us against a full south-easterly gale. jarring thuds as she fell off waves, there was half an hour of heaving and crashing outside Dover harbour because conditions were too wild for many ferries to

ABOARD our gallant ship. long polyglot queues formed for the single radiotelephone. The continentals were visibly dejected about their messed-up schedules and the way Britain had suddenly floated away, far from their grasp across wild water. By contrast the British. even the most Eurostarry of them, were curiously cheerful. We had been robbed of our convenience. of the 2ist-century dream. But we had been given back a very British adven-

ture. We were reborn as an

island nation, hard to

reach and proud of it.



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#### What can The Ridings teach us?

Chris Woodhead, Chief Inspector

of Schools, on what went wrong

Testerday saw the publication of school league tables: today, the Office of Standards in Education launches its report on pupils who are excluded from school. What is happening in schools? Many who watched the recent Panorama programme on classroom anarchy at The Ridings School in Halifax must have been slumped in despair. The V-signs of the girls following the headteacher up the steps said it all: this was a school where there was neither authority nor respect: neither teaching nor learning. A school which, if it is in any sense typical, symbolises the failure of our state system of education.

It is not typical. This statement, given the huge impact of the television pictures, bears repetition. State education is alive and well. In 80 per cent of schools, pupils are ready and willing to learn.

The problems of The Ridings, however, cannot be ignored. What should be done about the 2 per cent of schools which fail their inspections? In the case of The Ridings, the headteacher was not tough enough. Too many teachers had given up. The education authority had given inade-

quate support. But some people Failure at say the school's job was impossible. In The Ridings the words of The Times Educational cannot be Supplement, this was a "leper" school blamed on trying to educate 'ghetto" children. It selection was doomed from

day one. The fault lay not with the teachers or the educational authority, but with divisive social and educational policies which have led inexorably to the creation of

We know from inspection evidence that some schools racurig equality office stances are succeeding. Hey-wood School, for example, in Rochdale, has not excluded one pupil in five years. Pupils who have been excluded from other schools are now making good progress there. Such schools succeed with difficult pupils because they establish clear expectations. They take every opportunity to reward achievement. Daily routines are managed very carefully. Whereas the corridors at The Ridings were a race track, pupils at Heywood move quietly and sensibly around their school. Their behaviour is a testament to the skill and commitment of some outstanding teachers. It can be done: none of us should accept the bleakly deterministic view that some schools, like some children, are born to fail.

But isn't it true that current educational policies have made failures like The Ridings more likely? With more mutivated and brighter pupils going to grant-maintained and grammar schools, is it not inevitable that this school

would be left with a rump. The answer is that if parents have the right to choose their children's schools, some schools will be more popular than others, and one is likely to become the most unpopular of all. This would almost certainly have been the case if Halifax had had a totally com-

tion. In Calderdalc, as in every other area of the country, a mix of pupils in each school tions are imposed on parental choice. Whether or not such an approach is acceptable is for to decide. The failure of The Ridings cannot, however, be blamed entirely on the existence of nearby grammar and grant maintained schools.

Schools at the bottom of the popularity league must not be allowed to fail. The future of The Ridings depends upon three things: determined leadership, exclusion of pupils who reject the conventions of normal schooling, and motivation of teachers who have lost the will to improve. It is as easy to for the new head to achieve.

Yet schools such as Urchfont Primary in Wiltshire, which failed its inspection in 1993, show what can be achievis now not just an adequate school, but a good one. Given a will to improve, a clear understanding of the problems. and steady application of management and classroom common sense, the most desperate situations can be remedied.

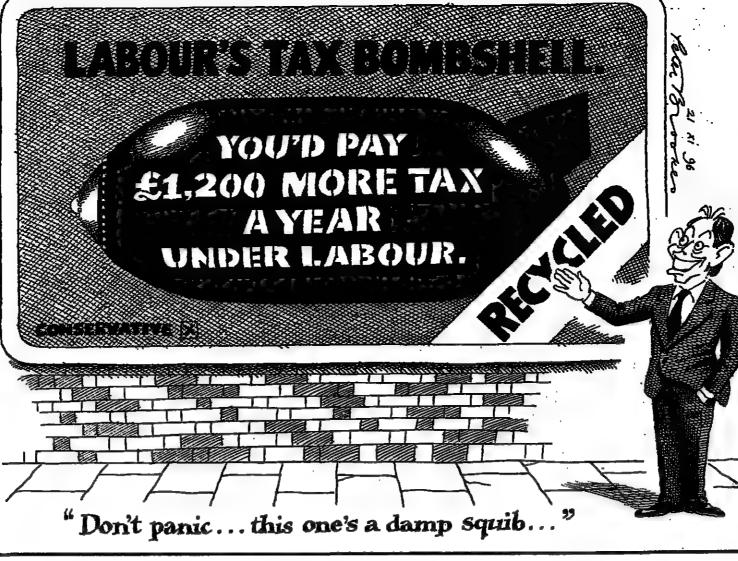
But we need to know which schools are failing. This is why the system of school inspection is so important. Probiems need to be brought into the open. Those who would abolish inspections and return to dealing with

school failures in private or not at all must be resisted by politicians of all parties. What else can we do to improve the prospects of in-ner-city children? We need first to move on from our current preoccupation with

behaviour can be avoided. We must spread the good practice of schools like Heywood. We should ensure that older pupils study subjects that are relevant to them and have the choice of vocational courses. This is not to imply that sanctions will not be needed.

There will be children who do not conform, and if they are ruining things for everyone else, special provision must be made for them. The problem here is that too few education authorities have thoroughly investigated the incidence and range of pupils' special educarional needs. Too few have an appropriate range of provision. Exclusion is a necessary evil, but those who are excluded have a right to continued education. This is not always provided.

Finally, we need to acknowledge the obvious truth that children who leave primary schools unable to read are likely to mess around in secondary schools. They will misbehave because they are bored, because they know that they have failed, and because deviant behaviour bolsters their self-esteem. Nothing is more important in the drive to raise educational standards than the recognition that literacy matters and that present standards, particularly in inner-city primary schools, are nothing like good enough.



#### The geography of libel

olds, then the Taoiseach (Prime Minister) of the Irish Republic, nominated his Attorney General, Harry Whelehan, as President of the High Court. The nomination was challenged because Whelehan had apparently been dilatory in seeking the extradition of Brendan Smyth, a paedophile priest. Reynolds at first defended the nomination in the Dail, but later withdrew the defence. The Irish Labour Party, led by Dick Spring, felt it had been misled, and withdrew from the coalition. Mr Reynolds ceased to be Prime Minister. The Sunday Times then published an article, based on information from an Irish Labour Party source, headed "Goodbye, Gombeen Man. Why a fib too far

proved fatal". Mr Reynolds sued for libel in a payment into court of £5.005, which would also have covered his costs up to that point. After a 24-day hearing, the jury found in his favour. but awarded him zero damages. Because the damages fell short of the sum paid into court. Mr Reynolds is liable for the bulk of the costs of both sides in the case, which have been estimated at around £1 million. The Sunday Times also pleaded qualified privilege, which is about to be argued. The accusation that Mr

Reynolds knowingly lied had been made in the Dail itself. Following the failure of the Botham-Lamb libel action against Imran Khan, which also resulted in heavy costs against the plaintiffs, the Reynolds case is a further warning against avoidable actions for defamation. Albert Reynolds has been a litigant before: he has previously taken 170,000 in damages off The Sunday Times and about \$80,000 from other publications, including The Guinness Book of Regard). Even now he is not a ruined man, though the costs will obviously be a serious

blow to his finances The action itself was not frivolous. but was inappropriate. The charge of lying to parliament is a serious one to make against any prime minister. One cannot blame Mr Reynolds for wishing to demonstrate that his first statement to the Dail was true to the best of his belief when he made it. But it is hard to conceive of a less appropriate forum before which to bring his case. If a British Prame Minister were to be accused of lying to the House of Communs, that Should the former Taoiseach be able to

sue a British newspaper in London?

would be a matter for the House of Commons: a report of such a debate would have absolute privilege. In the same way, a charge of lying to the Dail is a matter for the Dail. It is heartening that the issue of qualified privilege is to be determined; in equity, statements in the Dail ought to have qualified privilege if former Irish Prime Ministers are to make them the subject of litigation in the

English courts. Mr Reynolds has stated that he wanted to clear his name because he felt "just absolutely dreadful" when he read the story. "A liar: I don't know any worse

say of me." If he really cannot think of anything worse that people could say of him, he has a tion. He survived decades in the

kneckabout world of Irish politics, jostling with such characters as Charlie Haughey. He can hardly be so thin-skinned he can think of nothing worse than being accused of

ome of his friends in Dublin have been saying that it is impossible for an Irishman to receive justice in a British court. The jury did not know that any sum had been paid into court. and therefore could not have known the consequence of their judgment in terms of costs. But what was Mr Reynolds doing in an English court anyway? The Republic of Ireland has been an independent country for more than 70 years. It is inconceivable that a British Prime Minister, brought down after some row in the House of Commons. would have chosen to sue The Irish Times in Dublin in order to vindicate

himself. The jury's actual finding seems perfectly reasonable. It came to the conclusion that The Sunday Times article was defamatory. It is a libel to assert that a Prime Minister has lied to his parliament or his colleagues. The jury members must have found that The Sunday Times had failed to prove that Mr Reynolds

knew more than he claimed at the time of his first statement. They had heard the evidence. They then found that the article had not damaged him

in Britain. That also seems right to me. I had remembered from the reports of 1994 that Mr Reynolds had lost the premiership because of a row with the Labour Party over the Whelehan nomination, though I had forgotten Whelehan's name. The finer points of what Mr Reynolds had known or not known, or when, or of what he had . said to Mr Spring had long since

vanished from my memory. Beside the big event of an ter resigning. The Sunday Times calling him a "Goma fibber seems triviai. in any case, I have a rather attractive picture of a

Gombeen Man as a Yeatsian peddler, with a tray full of coloured ribbons. I would not have thought the worse of Albert Reynolds for being a Gombeen Man, even if the jury had held that he was one.

This is by no means the first time the British press has been threatened by an action for defamation by a foreign politician on matters arising from his domestic politics, nor is it the first time that has happened to The Sunday Times. in the early 1960s, when I was its Deputy Editor. The Sunday Times had a difficult case with a powerful African minister accused of corruption and intimidation. We reported the allegations, which we believed to be true. He threatened us with a writ for libel, and demanded an apology and damages. We re-fused, even though our witnesses were too scared to come to court. Fortunately, he did not pursue the matter further, but he could have done so and we would have had no

real answer in law. Mr Reynolds made £150,000 or so from his successful libel actions, but that is peanuts compared to the opportunities which might be open to President Mobutu of Zaire. Every newspaper in London has alleged that he has billions of dollars in

the Earl of Warwick.

Ferret and Trouser-leg. Its

creaking inn sign will remain Guy,

Sir Edward started his cam-

paign of resistance in August,

and has just been rewarded with

a letter from the brewery saying no

change of name is now planned.

Sir Edward says: "This particular

crass and vulgar proposal has

been shelved. The people of Well-

ing will now be spared the indigni-

Trouser-leg merely because they

wish to enjoy an innocent pint."

The threat of half-litres remains.

Helping hand

NEW YORK'S early morning com-

muters had a rare treat recent-

ly, courtesy of the Manhattan re-

fuse collection services and Honor

Fraser, model and the best thing

to come out of Scotland since shortbread. The incident occurred

when Miss Fraser was shooting a

promotional video for Tuesday's

launch of the 1997 Pirelli calendar.

one of the less tiresome events for

street when a refuse truck dumped

its load right in front of her. With-

out a moment's hesitation, Miss

Fraser bent down and began help-

ing the dustman clean up, hurling

the bags into the hopper. "All the

She was strolling down the

the male diarist.

of going to the Ferret and

secret Swiss bank accounts. None of us could get the businessmen who paid the bribes, the officials who transferred them into Swiss accounts. or the Swiss bankers themselves to ve evidence in support of a plea of justification. Nor would it be any defence to say that Mobutu is widely believed to be corrupt: If one reports a suspicion, it is the fact and not the suspicion that one has

The press has an important job of reporting the affairs of other countries. In the United States it is almost impossible for anyone in public life to sue for defamation, because that is held to be against the guarantee of freedom of speech under the First Amendment. The British press reports the allegations which are made in the American press. Many of them are libellous. In some cases British newspapers could prove the truth of these allegations; but in other cases probably not. It is theorem. etically open to half the leading politicians of America and most of the leading film-stars to brief leading counsel and have a field day in the

There are two fundamental differences between defamation of domestic and foreign public figures. The standard of proof a newspaper ought to require of an allegation against a British public figure must be higher than mere suspicion. Yet it is impossible to report the affairs of foreign countries properly without reporting widely held suspicions as such. Take the current allegations of paedophile conduct against the Belgian Deputy Prime Minister, Elio Di Rupo. These are being universally reported in the British press, and rightly so. Yet I doubt if any British newspaper could prove the truth of them; the Belgian Parliament, which has opened an inquiry, may or may not have qualified privilege in British law. Technically the British press must be exposed to a Reynolds-type action for defamation by Di Rupo, and paedophile conduct is much more serious than lying.

There is a geography of reputation. Albert Reynolds has his reputation largely in Ireland, where they know him, not in England, where he is simply a foreign politician. The lesson of the Reynolds case is that there is no call for foreign statesmen to vindicate their domestic politics in our law courts.

#### Save St Pancras, my lords

Giles Worsley on

today's vote about the station's fate

The technical clauses of complex parliamentary Bills are so mind-numbingly boring and obscure that they are seldom read with the attention they deserve. That is the only reason I can see why one of the most insidious threats to Britain's historic buildings since the demolition of the Euston Arch should be stealthily creeping through Parliament almost completely unnoticed.

St Pancras Station is only a few. hundred yards from that late, la-

mented arch. For years it lay dirty and neglected, victim to British Rail's. undisguised desire to knock it down.
But times change. Today, with its
brightly coloured brickwork gleaming in the sun. St Pancras is the maiden aunt of Britain's historic you might think that St Pancras was safe. You would be wrong.
The Channel Tunnel Rail Link Bill

has its third and final reading in the House of Lords this evening, and if it goes through unamended, the future of St Pancras will be very uncertain. The same will be true of any other: historic building that might subsequently be threatened by a similar development project. That St Pancras should have been

chosen as the terminal for the new high-speed rail link to the Channel Tunnel is excellent news. After years. of sad underuse, it will at last have a ; role that suits its dignity. What better way could there be to hail the new: railway age than to bring the highspeed train to rest under the arch of William Barlow's great train shed, universally regarded as one of the triumphs of Victorian engineering?

The trouble is that if the Bill is passed as it stands, we have no idea what St Pancras will look like when the first train arrives. In an unprecedented move, the Government has not only removed works at St Pancras from normal listed building control, but has also abandoned its own ultimate power to decide whether major aspects of proposed alterations

Adapting a Victorian railway sta- 🕮 🦠 tion to the demands of the 21st century will not be easy. The train shed will have to be more than doubled in barriers will have to be installed, and escalators and check-in facilities will be needed to cope with the vast increase in passengers.

The superb restoration and extension of Liverpool Street shows that a station can actually be enhanced as modern engineering demands are met. If the building is treated with sensitivity and respect. The St Pancras developers London and Continental have made ringing declarations of good intent, but what happens to the station will be left in happens to the station will be left in

happens to the station will be left in happens to the station will be left in their unfettered hands. Who can say how the designs may change when finance proves tight or time presses?

Thile there is a procedure for agreeing plans with English Heritage and Camden, and their agreeing plans with English Heritage and Camden, and their authority, key areas of work the local authority, key areas of work tions to any plans for demolition to clear space for machinery of station equipment, or to the position or size of any other parts of the station, apart of any other parts of the station, apart of any other parts or the statuous and the from the shops, need be heeded. This they the form instance, that they would have no coutrol over the design of the northern extension of the train shed or the extent of demolition of the extent of the train sned of the crnate western has been demolition of the ornate western

All that would restrain the developers are the "Planning and Heritage Minimum Requirements", which consist of little more than vague statements such as "the open nature and spatial integrity of St Pancras train shed will be substantially retained".

This unprecedented situation has come about because the Bill is a ... flagship Private Finance Initiative The Departments of Transport and the Environment are determined that anything which might put off poten-tial investors should be bulldozed out. of the way. And the Department of
National Heritage, which should
have been fighting conservation's The same of the sa corner, is far too weak a department to put up any opposition to these two:

And the state of t deregulation, the continuing strength; of conservation legislation stands our as something of an anomaly. Are the skimpy heritage provisions

Bill prototypes for a new approach to
planning controls if the Conservatives should return to power after the
next election, or perhaps after the
election after that?

Desperate to hustle this Bill
through with minimal publicity, the
Government has brought forward The second secon

the third reading by a week without placing it in last Friday's business statement, and has acted to forestall a.

designs. It must retain the right to



Honouring Pirelli

other models turned pale," said the video's director. Miss Fraser's grandfather was, after all, Lord Lovat, D-Day hero and legendary

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up to the Lords to ensure that this
essential power is restored.
The author is Editor of Perspectives
on Architecture.

#### Knavish tricks

being dragged inadvertently into sneep. Paddington confirms that another sleaze war. One of its spin- trains from Wales were delayed doctors has become embroiled in a libel action starting in the High Court next Monday over British Airways dirty tricks campaign.

Eileen Wise, formerly of Disney and now head of news at Central Office, as well as personal pressadviser to Norma Major on her book tour, is acting as a character witness for the plaintiff, Brian Basham, a lifelong socialist.

The case concerns allegations in the book Dirty Tricks: British Airways' Secret War against Virgin Atlantic. Basham is suing its author Martyn Gregory, Wise used to be married to Basham. who has worked for Hastings Banda of Malawi, the late Robert Maxwell and my dear friend Mohamed Al Fayed.

Senior Tories are mortified: some individuals in Central Office are gleeful. But vesterday, Wise was keeping calm: This is an entirely private matter related to something that happened several years ago and has nothing whatsoever to do with my job here."

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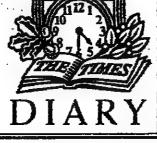
THE CONSERVATIVE Party is nor the wrong sort of snow, but vesterday after a flock wandered onto the line at Wootton Bassett. west of Swindon, A woolly excuse.

#### Keep it brief

GOOD NEWS: Rachel Lawrence. daughter of Sir Ivan Lawrence, the



"You're on a free



bristling MP for Burton, has been voted Achiever of the Year at the Cystic Fibrosis Research Trust's annual awards at the Dorchester. Miss Lawrence, who suffers fremthe condition, is a practising barrister. She was proposed by an old school friend. Samantha Walker. who, costly enough, is Sir Ivan's researcher. "I hope her award will inspire her to push a couple of Chanel suns my way," said Miss Walker. Sir Ivan, a flimty backbench presence, is tickled. "Rachel is extremely talented and certainly makes much shorter speeches than I do." Sir Ivan holds the record for the longest speech in Parliament this century.

● For any red-braces types still left over from the Eighties, forget drinking Beaujolais nouveau for the next few days. The French unions, transport workers this

time, are blocking motorways across France. This, after the Channel Tunnel fire, has left lorryloads of the wine unable to reach Britain today for Beaujolais nouveau day. On the positive side, a few more days may give the stuff time to improve.

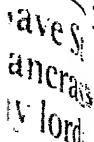
#### No ferrets

SIR EDWARD Heath, a mean tippler in his day, has secured a political triumph to be proud of (at last) He has saved a 226-year-old pub in his constituency. Old Bexley and Sideup, from being renamed the



Rachel: short and sweet







#### **BOMB SCARE**

Labour can turn Tory tax attacks to its advantage

Like First World War generals, the Conservative leadership believes in heavy preliminary bombardment before battle is formally joined. The deployment of the "tax bombshell" barrage against Labour fully six months before the Government's preferred election date is intended to damage the reputation for fiscal prudence cultivated by Gordon Brown. The Conservatives' attack has been eclipsed by the suggestion that they have been maladroit in seeking to enlist the authority of the Cabinet Secretary for their analysis of Labour's spending pledges. In the short term, the confusion has blunted the thrust of a Tory assault on a front where Labour is still vulnerable. In the long term, however, by attacking in such detail and so early, by using bombardment rather than blitzkrieg, the Tories may actually, like the Great War generals, be giving their opponents time to strengthen their defences.

New Labour protests it will not embark on a tax and spend programme. Indeed Gordon Brown has dared to present himself as, if anything, even tighter with the chequebook than Kenneth Clarke, But Mr. Brown's party still flirtatiously hints to the e ectorate that certain spending "aspirations" will be indulged. The Shadow Chancellor has, himself, been rigorous in his insistence that every explicit spending commitment be matched by an equivalent expenditure cut or funded out of alreadyannounced tax changes. His plans to deal with youth unemployment are predicated onincome from a windfall tax on the privatised utilities. Proposals to reduce class sizes will be paid for with money it is hoped will be released by the abolition of the Assisted. Places Scheme. Other Labour positions have, however, not been so cautiously circumscribed.

The Tory dossier published yesterday lists a series of pronouncements which, while:

falling short of absolute commitments, are intended to give the impression of openhandedness in office. With plans to give London its own authority, to set up a network of women's refuges and to change benefit rules to make it easier for the unemployed to study, Labour has policies which may have attractions but also carry price tags. Mr Brown may argue that no policies should be considered commitments until they appear in the manifesto but his colleagues cannot resist tantalising the voters. The Tories are right to argue Labour is playing the coquette even as it straps on the chastity belt. But then the Conservatives are not wholly virtuous either.

It is mischievous to set a figure of £3,700 million as the cost to the taxpayer of a minimum wage when Labour have said they will not set its level until after consulting with employers and workers. Yet the Tories are performing a public service by attempting to draw attention to the potential impact of some of Labour's policies. Mr Brown and his colleagues will now be under greater pressure to explain which kites they have flown are to become commitments they

will honour. Given the unhappy history of Shadow Budgets it is understandable that Gordon Brown should want to take as much time as possible to refine his proposed new tax regime before unveiling it. He should, however, show his hand as quickly as possible after next week's Budget. If he is to win the argument for change he cannot leave matters too late. Voters must be persuaded that any increase at the upper end of income tax will not damage incentives and even depress revenues. It is not enough for Labour to dismiss Tory assumptions as lies", if the Opposition are to overcome the history of past mistrust they must take the public more fully into their trust.

#### **MADNESS IN MINSK**

Belarus deserves better than Lukashenko

Of all the former Soviet republics, none has a more dismal post-Soviet history than Belarus. From the moment it reluctantly declared independence, this featureless land. between Poland and Russia has floundered in its search for a new identity and a new political and economic system. After halfhearted and ineffective attempts at economic reform, the country was already falling far behind other former communist countries when it elected Aleksandr Lukashenko as seen precipisous. The former communist. collective farm chairman, a populist demagogue, has made no secret of his determination to take Belarus back to a Soviet-stvicpast: controlled prices, one-party leadership, a censored press and repression of democrats, independent thinkers and all human rights campaigners.

Mr Lukashenko has largely had his own way in turning Belarus back into a classic Soviet republic. Never hesitating to use the thugs of the former local KGB to intimidate his opponents, he has muzzled the press, closed radio stations, halted privatisation, ordered the arrest of political enemies, ignored parliament and denounced democratic elections. Belarus has discarded its post-independence symbols, banned independent trade unions, embraced the cause of reunion with Russia, and saluted the armed forces who shot down two American air balloon pilots taking part in a race last year. Most alarmingly, he is now threatening to hold on to the former Soviet republic's nuclear weapons as a way of forcing Nato to abandon its plans for enlargement.

Yet still Mr Lukashenko hankers for more authority. He has called a referendum on Sunday on whether he should be granted the

kind of enabling powers that Hitler demanded a month after coming to power in 1933. He wants voters to approve a two-year extension to his mandate, further restrictions on the press and political opponents and the authority to make decisions unchecked by any other organ of power.

Cowed opponents and a generally docile population have had enough: this week they have taken to the streets, risking a severe beating from the police. The Prime Minister speaker of the parliament and main opposition leader, has demanded the referendum be scrapped. Western governments have protested strongly, but have little leverage: Western aid has dwindled to a trickle. Mr Lukashenko listens to no one but those in the Kremlin with whom he would like to reunite his country.

The Russians were at first flattered by the obsequious flattery from Minsk and were willing to turn a blind eye to the squalid regime in their back yard. But reformers are increasingly worried that re-integration, especially any renewed monetary union with a country politically and economically out of control, would drag Russia down. Mr Yeltsin's own tolerance of Mr Lukashenko dwindled after his overt support for Mr Yeltsin's communist opponent in June. Now the Russians are urging both sides in Minsk to avoid confrontation and attend peace talks in Smolensk. Typically, Mr Lukashenko has refused. His paranoia, daily fed by aides reporting on his opponents, brings a bloody showdown nearer. The West can do little; but Moscow must now cast adrift this petty would-be dictator who threatens complete ruin for his beleaguered country.

#### CITIZEN ARMY

Repeat after me: civis Gallus sum

Citing the good example of the British Army, the French Government recently announced what is perhaps the most sweeping change yet announced by President Jacques Chiracthe abolition of conscription and drastic shrinkage of the French armed forces. Cleaning latrines and drill parades may not have been the most uplifting course of instruction on Gallic republican values for every conscript, but the system at least guaranteed that a high proportion of young French men had some contact with the State and its raison d'être. But while putting the army on a diet and reorganising it for the challenges of a new century make good military sense and help cut public expenditure, what opportunities remain for the State to mould the outlook of the citoyens of the next millennium? Precious few, according to the Gaullists who have been pressing President Chirac to create six-month courses

in civic instruction. Unfortunately France is busy trying to cut costs in order to be at the rendez-vous for European monetary union. The "citizen rendezvous" to which young French men and women will now be summoned will give birth to a new academic discipline: condensed civies. The course of instruction on civic virtue and value mixed with a little careers advice will last just five days.

Quite apart from the dangers that the 12 civic instruction centres will turn into holiday camps. this brief encounter with the glory that is France can hardly do justice to the rich tapestry of French state-building

and tradition. Inculcating rights and duties, as numerous voices have argued in Britain over the past few weeks, remains a vital and neglected duty of a society. But how on earth will anyone ever agree on a curriculum lasting a week? The French school system has had enough trouble with issues of spiritual education and dress regulation raised by the several million Muslims in France. Will Andre Malraux, the latest cultural icon to be rescued by the present Government, go in and out of fashion as Gaullists go in and out of the Elysée? Or will the hapless instructors confine themselves to enumerating the up-to-date tariff of penalties for ignoring a traffic light?

What should the citizens of tomorrow be told about the State itself? President Chirac's Prime Minister has reminded France recently of the central importance of the nation state. Yet the Government headed by both men is sauntering gaily towards a single currency which will do more to usurp that State than anything except armed invasion. The French Government is being urged to organise civic education to nurture social stability. President Chirac, in common with politicians as diverse as John Major, Tony Blair and Bill Clinton, seeks to strengthen civic bonds. Yet France promotes supranational government in Europe which weakens the most legitimate and solid form of government currently in existence in Europe, national government. This is a paradox which the young citizens of tomor-

row might like to take up with their teachers.

#### LETTERS TO THE EDITOR 1 Pennington Street, London El 9XN Telephone 0171-782 5000

#### Safety lessons of the tunnel fire

From Brigadier John Constant

Sir, In 1970, when we were conducting the feasibility study for a fixed link between Britain and France (reports, article, leading article, November 20), we discussed all foreseeable emergencies with the appropriate authorities on both sides of the Channel, and every conceivable safety measure was considered in great depth.

Our conclusions for the shuttle service included closed single-decker wagons for heavy goods vehicles, as for the double-decker car wagons.

In situations like that on Monday, we envisaged that the train would keep going for the short period (approximately 11 minutes in this case) until clear of the tunnel at its far end when the emergency services would be better able to tackle the fire in the scaled wagon, and the smoke would have been contained in it,

Now, it appears that urgent consideration should once more be given to the measures outlined above. I feel sure that their cost would be less than that now likely for the repairs both to the tunnel itself and to Eurotunnel's putation.

However, it should be remembered that a similar fire in a ship, or on a crowded street, might also prove dan-gerous, and further consideration must be given to the widespread use and carriage of hazardous materials.

Yours faithfully, J. CONSTANT (Head of Channel Tunnel Engineering. Ministry of Transport, 1968-71), The River Cottage, Coombe Road, Dartmouth, South Devon. November 20.

#### Monetary union

From Professor Emeritus Anthony Ralston

Sir, Bernard Connolly ("Kenneth Clarke's Faustian pact", November 8) is probably correct that "a government that is part of a monetary union will have to balance its budget". But the implications of this would be less disastrous than he implies.

Many American states are bound by their state constitutions to balance their budgets every year. Does this make them either more fiscally responsible or more constrained than the federal government which has no such restriction? No, indeed.

There are many "creative" ways to avoid the constraint of a balanced budget. The most commonly used of these in the United States is to sell DONAS. YVAIR 10 DI a transport bond which won't affect the budget until interest and principal have to be repaid. Want to build a new government building? Sell a construction bond, etc.

You can be sure that any British government would find a variety of techniques to get around the restric-tion of a balanced budget.

Sincerely, ANTHONY RALSTON (Academic visitor, Department of Computing, imperial College of Science, Technology and Medicine). Flat 4, Albert Court, 58 Prince Consort Road, SW7. November &

#### Architects of history

From Professor Emeritus

Sir, It is good to learn that the Sir John Soane's Museum in London will be able to acquire No 14 Lincoln's Inn Fields, thanks to a timely lottery grant (report, November 15).

The consequent expansion will certainly further its founder's aim to encourage the study of architecture and of architectural history. However, the present curator was wrong in claiming Soane as "the first and greatest professor of architecture in England". There were in fact two earlier professors of architecture at the Royal Academy; Thomas Sandby, from its found-ation in 1768 to 1798, and George Dance, from 1798 to 1805. Dance was succeeded by Soane, who was professor from 1806 to 1837.

Soane was definitely not the first professor. Whether he was the greatest is a matter of opinion - the rollcall of his 19th-century successors includes C. R. Cockerell, Sir George Gilbert Scott and George Edmund Street.

Yours faithfully. LUKE HERRMANN, The Coombes, Sibbertoft, Market Harborough, Leicestershire. November 15.

#### Two minutes' silence

From Mr N. J. Inkley Sir. In calling for an end to the Remembrance Day ritual, Mr Les Holley (letter, November 16) says that those who remain do not need silence or ceremony to remember their loved

We all remain, Mr Holley, or at least we all remain as we are, thanks to those past sacrifices.

Yours faithfully. NEIL INKLEY. 6 Knot Lane, Walton-le-Dale, Preston, Lancashire, November 16.

Letters to the Editor should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be sent to a fax number -0171-782 5046.

#### Britain's pubs and brewers at risk

From the Chairman of the Independent Family Brewers

Sir, The future of Britain's local pubs, and of the UK brewers on whom they largely depend, will remain in jeoparand our fellow UK brewers.

For far too long this and preceding governments, in an effort to subsidise cuts on direct taxation, have instituted alcohol and other excise goods.

Such a policy discriminates against alcohol, which competes in a fiercely competitive leisure market: we pay VAT on most products, but on alcohol we pay VAT on top of excise.

Treaty of Rome in 1973 member governments have been obliged to work towards fiscal harmony; but successive administrations have pursued conflicting strategies, and the advent of the Single Market in 1993, encouraging a huge trade (both legal and illegal) in cross-border shopping, was a saster for pubs and breweries.

of time has inevitably increased the divergence with our European partners. The Single Market demands a single fiscal policy and a uniform ex-

As representatives of the 38 members of the Independent Family Brewers of Britain we believe it is the duty of Government to protect and pro-mote our long-established industry, and that this domestic issue must now be brought to the attention of Brus-

of Britain and others

dy for so long as UK government tax policy continues to militate against us

high increases in indirect taxation on

Ever since Britain signed up to the

Increasing excise duty over a period

Tomorrow, therefore, we will de-

#### liver a petition to Sir Jack Stewart-Clark, MEP, a vice-president of the European Parliament, asking for the European Commission to take into account the wide differences in excise duty between EU member states on

alcoholic beverages in general, and

beer in particular. Our petition will spell out our conviction that these differences distort competition, encourage fraud and criminal activity, result in loss of revenue to Governments, and cause loss of

jobs in vulnerable regions. We are also convinced that the need for a move towards both fiscal harmony and excise harmony should be brought to the attention of the European Finance Ministers at their biannual meeting in December.

Yours faithfully, A. G. F. FULLER, Chairman, Independent Family Brewers of Britain, C. M. BRAIN, S. A. Brain & Co Ltd. R. A. S. EVERARD, Everards Brewery Ltd. R. W. D. HANSON. Hardys & Hansons plc, R. H. B. NEAME, CHRISTOPHER POPE, Eldridge Pope & Co plc. P. B. ROBINSON, Frederic Robinson Ltd. JOHN WELLS, Charles Wells Ltd. JOHN YOUNG, Young & Co's Brewery plc. c/o Fuller. Smith & Turner plc. Griffin Brewery. Chiswick, W4.

#### Astrology and belief

From the Suffragan Bishop of Repton

Sir. Nigella Lawson, in "Astrology and the need to believe" (November 13) has surely committed a philosophical solecism.

The answer to the question whether the Universe originated by accident or by design is that we don't know. Belief in God and atheism are both irrational, in the sense that they are beyond reason: both positions require a leap of faith. Astrology, however, is irrational in the sense that it is unscientific.

Yours faithfully, THENRY REPTON, The Diocese of Derby, Repton House, Lea, Matlock. Derbyshire.

From the Bishop of Rochester

Sir, I am grateful to Nigella Lawson for her sympathetic review of our re-port. The Search for Faith & Witness for the Church. She is wrong, however, about the relation between faith and reason.

Christians have always held that revelation and reason belong together. Reason leads us to a knowledge of God through awareness of the natural world (including our own nature as self-conscious beings). Revelation leads to a knowledge of God as per-

sonal, loving and suffering.

Credo ut intelligam (I believe so that I may understand) has ever been the motto of the Church.

Yours faithfully MICHAEL ROFFEN: Bishopscourt, Rochester, Kent. November 14.

#### From Mr Lloyd Caldwell

November 20.

Sir. Nigella Lawson condemns astrology because it is an offence against science. A pity, then, that her own sci-

ence is somewhat lacking.

"And since the obstetrician or midwife exerts 60,000 times more gravitational force on the baby being born than the nearest planet ...", she writes. My own calculations show, by contrast, that our moon (the nearest "planet" in the terminology of astrologers) exerts about 6,500 times more gravitational force than would a 12stone midwife at a distance of one

More to the point, how many astrologers assert that the significance of a planet for human life is a consequence of its gravitational attraction? Few. if

Yours faithfully. LOYD CALDWELL, 44 Byron Avenue, Camberley, Surrey. November 14.

From Mr T. J. Smith

Sir, Nigella Lawson has written an enjoyable and well reasoned essay on why we believe - but with one important fault in the logic.

Faith is not the opposite of reason (or science). Else there would be no scientists who believe in God. As it happens, millions do. Faith is the opposite of doubt, not reason. After all, we all have good reason for our faith.

T. J. SMITH (engineer). 5 Raymond Avenue, South Woodford, El8. November 13.

#### Daycare for children

From Dr Gillian Pugh

Sir, Allan Levy, QC (Law, November 12), reviews the first five years of the Children Act and concludes, having focused on children in court proceedings, that the Act is, in the main, a suc-

One aspect of the Act he was not able to mention concerns daycare for young children under the age of eight: these children, in playgroups, nurseries and with childminders, are a far larger group than any other to be affected by the Act.

The original guidance in the Act on standards of daycare was widely welcomed by the childcare community. Yet, as the Government has attempted to stimulate the growth of daycare to enable parents, mainly mothers, to return to the labour market, standards

The Anglican ethos of a "middle

way" would be quickly lost if the der-

gy, whether in cathedrals or in parish life, had to depend for their position

essentially on the permission of their

bishops or their congregations. The

freehold has enabled individual cler-

As Mr de Berry himself says, the

Church's new logo and councils are

likely to create only "a semblance of

modernity". Knocking down the free-

hold would be part of that same exer-

Church or from elsewhere.

Kesgrave, Ipswich, Suffolk.

Yours sincerely,

DAVID HARES,

have been diluted.

in the current moral debate, which has included questions about the care and education of young children, public disquiet about the effect of early nursery care is understandable. Repeated research has shown, however, that there are no ill effects, and many benefits, of nursery care, provided

standards are high. As Government develops its policy on childcare, employment and family life, we urge it to make a positive political commitment to the Children Act and to high-quality daycare provision for young children as a support to parents and family life.

Yours faithfully. GILLIAN PUĞH (Director, Early Childhood Unit). National Children's Bureau. 8 Wakley Street, ECl. November 14.

#### Church freehold What's in a name?

From Mrs Clare Blight From the Vicar of Kesgrave Sir, Tim Wilson (letter, November 14) Sir, Whenever some short-term diffi-

culty arises over clerical conduct, as at is despondent that his name affords Lincoln, it is not long before someone him no literary distinction. suggesis (the Reverend Andrew de Had he adopted the surname of his Berry's letter, November 11) that the spouse - as I carelessly did upon freehold be "swept aside". marriage - he might be making a dif-

ferent complaint. Yours faithfully. CLARE BLIGHT, The Barn. Church Lane, Clyst St Mary, Exeter, Devon. November 14.

gy to sustain a faithful ministry of ser-From Mr Jonathan Rice vice when facing hostility in the

Sir, Dr Wilson has my sympathy. All I have to do to get a letter printed in your columns is to wait for a cereal crop failure in the Far East.

Yours faithfully JONATHAN RICE, 47 Brockhill Road, Hythe, Kent, November 15.

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#### Charges policy at **British Museum**

From Sir Robert Sainsbury

Sir, As Chairman of Trustees of the Tate Gallery in 1973 I lost a bartle with the then Prime Minister. Edward Heath, regarding the imposition of an entrance charge and, on January 2, 1974 (I was no longer a trustee), a charge was announced, operational from three months later. However. when the Government fell, one of the first acts of the incoming Labour Gov-

ernment was to restore free entry. I am now deeply saddened to learn "The high cost of staying free", Arts. November 6) that unless the annual grant to the British Museum for running costs is increased, the Trustees will have to impose an entrance charge. Put another way, the Government has decided upon an entrance charge for the British Museum but is leaving the Trustees to take responsi-

bility in the eyes of the public. Ever since the British Museum opened its doors in 1759, admission has been free and a very large number of people of all ages and many nationalities have found this accessibility to be a wonderful benefit. The museum is a great educational resource and surely this role must be maintained

and encouraged. it has been shown that entrance charges appreciably reduce visitors. The British Museum is probably the greatest museum of its kind in the world, with more visitors than either the Louvre in Paris or the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York. We must take pride in this and do everything in our power to maintain that enviable position.

Given recent correspondence in your columns (November 8, 13, 14) concerning colossal expenditure on millennium celebrations, perhaps free access to the British Museum is one way the Government could, relatively cheaply, enrich life in Britain in the next millennium.

Yours faithfully, ROBERT SAINSBURY. Stamford House, Stamford Street, SEI.

From Professor Deanna Petherbridge

Sir, Government cuts in grant-in-aid to the British Museum will have a disastrous effect on an already overstretched institution. I'm thinking particularly of the Prints and Drawings Department, which is the envy of similar departments across the world for its generous access and exhibiting policies and the service it offers to

scholars, student groups and visitors This service depends on expertise ready working beyond normal hours in staffing the study room, preparing prints and drawings for loans, constructing in-house and touring exhibitions and also writing invaluable

scholarly texts. The Prime Minister said in 1994 that money raised by the lottery would not replace existing government spending. With so much money for capital building programmes, what can be the justification for punitive cuts to the running costs of this unique institution, which will anyway be losing considerable revenue when the British Library departs next year?

Yours faithfully. D. PETHERBRIDGE (Professor of Drawing). Royal College of Art.

#### A seat in Surrey

Kensington Gore, SW7.

From Mrs Sylvia Disley

Sir, Whether or not the Stone of Scone, returned to Scotland with such Pythonesque solemnity last week (report. November 16), was the original one is an arguable point.

However, many may not be aware that there is a Coronation Stone of England standing next to the Guildhall in Kingston-upon-Thames, Surrey, on which seven Saxon kines of England are said to have been crowned, the last being Ethelred the Un-ready on April 14, 979. It is beside the Clattern Bridge across the Hogsmill River, a tributary of the Thames, and thousands of people unheedingly walk or drive past it each day. If the Stone of Scone had been left

where it was in the first place, more

than 700 years ago, it might now be receiving the same scant attention that is the lot of the Coronation Stone of Kingston and England.

Yours faithfully. SYLVIA DISLEY, Hampton House. Upper Sunbury Road. Hampion. Middlesex.

#### Cheek to cheek

From Mr Richard Asser

Sir. In 1952 the old Scala cinema in Walton Street, Oxford, was packed for a showing of Les Enfants du Paradis. My companion, an undergraduate at St Hilda's, and I were shown to one of the twin seats (letter, November 18) that were a feature of the establish-

At a moment of high drama on the screen, the cast-fron side of our seat fell off, depositing us both in the aisle. We were just good friends, but the outraged looks of nearby patrons assumed otherwise.

Yours faithfully. RICHARD ASSER Tadmarton Manor, Banbury, Oxfordshire. November 19.



#### **COURT CIRCULAR**

ST JAMES'S PALACE

Agency on a visit to Devonport

His Royal Highness. Duke of

Cornwall, this afternoon visited Princetown Brewery, Princetown Primary School and Merrivale

Quarry, Princetown, Devon.
The Prince of Wales this evening

opened "the Discerning Eye Ex-hibition" at the Mall Galleries.

His Royal Highness later held a Meeting and Dinner at St James's

Palace to discuss developments in integrated healthcare.

November 20: The Princess Mar-garet, Countess of Snowdon, Pa-

tron, Pottery and Glass Trades' Benevolent Institution, was

present this evening at a Reception given by the Institution at the Painters' Hall, London, EC4.

November 20: The Duchess of Gloucester this afternoon visited

Hampshire and was received by

Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant of Hampshire (Mrs Mary Fagan).

Her Royal Highness opened Melbury Lodge at the Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Romsey Road, Winchester, and afterwards as Patron, the Enham Trust, opened Phases I and II of

Cedar Park, Enham Alamein, nea

November 20: The Duke of Kent this morning called on Mr Yukihiko Ikeda. Minister of Por-

elgn Affairs. His Royal Highness, Vice-Chair-

man, the British Overseas Trade Board, this afternoon attended lunch given by the British Cham-ber of Commerce, at the Capitol

Tokyu Hotel, Tokyo.
The Duke of Kent this afternoon

had an audience with Their Imper-

ial Majestles The Emperor and Empress of Japan, at the Imperial

A Memorial Service for Lord Gladwyn will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster

Abbey, at noon on Tuesday, January 21, 1997, All are welcome, and

those wishing to attend are re-quested to apply for tickets, for this

service only, to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 21, I Little Clois-

ter, Westminster Abbey SW1P 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr Barry Porter. MP, will take place in St Mar-garet's Church, Westminster Ab-

bey, at noon on Thursday

those wishing to attend are re-quested to apply for tickets, for this service only, to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 12. I Little Clois-

ter, Westminster Abbey SWIP 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted from December I.

Sir Stanley Kalms, founder, Dix-

ons Group, 65: Mr Jacques Laffite, racing driver, 53: Mr Peter Liddle,

racehorse trainer, 60; Miss Natalia Makarova, hallerina, So; Mr Tim

Robinson, cricketer, 36. Mr Peter Sharpe. Chief Constable, Hert-

fordshire. 52. Sir William Sruttaford, former president, Nat-

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Birthdays today

Lord Gladwyn

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London SW1.

Dockyard, Plymouth, Devon.

**BUCKINGHAM PALACE** November 20: The Governor-General of St Vincent and the Grenadines and Lady Antrobus were received by The Queen.

His Excellency Monsieur Dah Ould Abdi was received in audience by Her Majesty and pre-sented the Letters of Recall of his predecessor and his own Letters of Credence as Ambassador from the Islamic Republic of Mauritania to

Islamic Republic of Manthalia with the Court of St James's. Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for For-eign and Commonwealth Affairs)

The Queen received the Bishop of Chester (the Right Reverend Peter Forster) who did homage upon his appointment.
The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP

(Lord President of the Council) administered the Oath. The Bishop of Derby (Clerk of the Closet) was in attendance. The Queen. Patron, this evening attended the Royal Concert at the Royal Albert Hall in aid of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund and

was received by the Chairman of the Royal Concert Committee (Sir John Tooley) and the Chairman of the Musicians' Benevolent Fund (Mr Philip Jones).
The Duke of Edinburgh this evening attended the 1996 Royal Yacht Officers' Reunion Dinner at

The Earl of Courtown (Lord In Waiting) was present at Heathrow Airport. London, this evening upon the Departure of The Presi-dent of the Republic of Kenya and bade farewell to His Excellency on behalf of Her Majesty.

November 20: The Princess Royal this morning opened the new headquarters of North of Scotland Water Authority, Berchwood Business Park, Inshes, Inverness, and Contin (Vice Lord-Lieutenant of

Her Royal Highness this after-noon visited Teanassie School,

Royal engagements

The Queen will visit the Westbourne Centre, Westbourne Road, Bedford, at 11.20; and will

open the Cygnet Wing at Bedford Hospital at 2.45.

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will visit Harrowden Middle School, Bed-

ford, at 11.55; will visit the Corn

Exchange at 12.45; and will open the new brigade communications centre at County Fire and Rescue Headquarters, Kempston, at 3.35.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Bedford Sports and Hockey Club at 11.20; and E.F. Taylor's at 2.50.

The Prince of Wales, on behalf of

The Queen, will hold an investi-ture at Buckingham Palace at 11.00; and, as President of Business

in the Community and The Prince's Trust, will attend the launch of Gifts in Kind UK at St

The Prince Edward, as Chairman

of the International Council, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award Inter-

national Association, will attend a dinner at the Savoy Hotel at 7.45.

The Duke of Gloucester, as President of NABC - Clubs for Young People, will visit clubs in Bristol.

Mr Coningsby Aliday, chemical engineer, 41: Miss Beryl Bain-

bridge, writer, 62: Mrs Georgina

Battiscombe, author, 91: Earl Beatty, 50: Mr Roy Boulting, film

producer, 83: Miss Tina Brown.

Editor, New Yorker, 43; Mr J.D. Bullmore, a director, WPP Group.

67: Miss Amelia Freedman,

founder, Nash Ensemble, 56: Mr.

Nickolas Grace, actor, 49; Dr

Michael Grant, classical historian,

82. Miss Goldie Hawn, actress. 51;

James's Palace at 2.00.

#### Memorial service

Mr Stephen Desch. QC A memorial service for Mr Ste-phen Desch. QC. was held yes-terday in the Temple Church. Canon Joseph Robinson, Master of the Temple, officiated and the Very Rev Michael Till, Dean of Win-chester, read the lesson. Mr Richard Little, brother-in-law, Mrs. Phillids Goad and Judge David Webster, QC. gave readings. Mrs Julia Desch, widow, sang the introit. Mr Antony Edwards Sta-November 30: The Prince of Wales this morning joined members of the Board of the Environment art, QC, gave an address. Members of the family, members of 2 Crown Office Row Chambers members of Gray's Inn and many other friends were present.

#### Buckingham Palace luncheon

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh vesterday held a lun-cheon party at Buckingham Palace. The guests were: Judge Ann Goddard, QC, (circuit

judge), Mrs Zahida Manzoor (dep-uty chairman, Commission for Racial Equality), Mr Stephen Lander (director general, Security Service), Mr Geoffrey Parker, (chairman, Teacher Training Agency), Mr David Rowland (chairman, Lloyd's of London), Mr Doug Smith (director, Inland Revenue Self Assessment Proeriue Self Assessment Programme). Mr Anthony Wa (Editor, The Yorkshire Post) and Mr Richard Wilson (Permanent Under-Secretary of State, Home

#### Luncheons

HM Government Nir Malcolm Rifkind, QC, Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, was the host at a function given by Her Majesty's Government yesterday at I Carlton Gardens in honour of the President of Kenya.

Mid Affaetic Club

Mid Affaetic Club

Mrs Edwina Currie. MP, was the guest of honour and speaker at a luncheon of the Mid Atlantic Clubheld yesterday at the English-Speaking Union. Dr Walter Lessing presided.

#### **Anniversaries**

BIRTHS: Voltaire, philosophe man of letters, scientist, Paris, 1694; Samuel Cunard, shipowner, Halifax, Nova Scotia, 1787; Sir Leslle Ward (Spy), caricaturist, London, 1851; Sir Arthur Quiller-Couch, man of letters, Bodmin, 1863; Arthur "Harpo" Marx, actor and comedian, New York, 1888; René Magritte, Surrealist painter. Lessines, Belgium, 1898; Coleman Hawkins, Jazz musician, St. Joseph, Micenuri 1004

DEATHS: Sir Thomas Gresham. founder of the Royal Exchange, London, 1579; Henry Purcell, com-poser, London, 1695; James Barry Hertzog, Prime Minister of South Africa 1924-39, Pretoria, 1942 The first free fi was made, Paris, 1783. North Carolina became the 12th state of the Union, 1789.

Thomas Hancock patented vulcan-

#### Service dinner

ised rubber, 1843.

9th/12th Reval Lancers Brigadier H.W.K. P.e. Colonel of 9th/12th Royal Lancers (Prince of Wales's) Regiment, presided at the annual officers' dinner held last night at the Cavalry and Guards Club.

#### Forces appointments

MAJOR-GENERAL: Brigadiet A. G. Denaro to be Chief Combat Support ACE Rapid Reaction Corps in the rank of Major-General October 21. COLONEL: S.L. Bennett to be Director HQ BVO, October 21; A.W. Blackett to be DA/MA Kathmandu. October 26.

#### **Guardians of Bristol**

Mr Roger Heaman has been installed Master of the Guild of Guardians of the City of Bristol.

19th, peacefully at home, Rancy, Much loved and softly missed by Annia, Sophie, Veronica, her family and many friends. Service of Thunksdwing at St Mary's Church, Avington on Tuesday 26th November at 3µm. Florenze to Juo. Steel & Son, Chesii House, Windhester.

MOVING - Angain Unity died peacefully on 18th Novaher. Beloved mother of Dians and gazofinother to james and Rebecca. All enquiries to Michael Smy (01473) 271674.

JOHN - Rosemary A. (note Russial) at lease in Trisson on Turnday 19th November of Alexandre and mother of Alexandre and Henry. Always loving and always loved. Fansral at Priston Parish Church on Saturday 23rd November at 2 pm. Flowers to C. Manalogs & Sons Ltd., Combe Down, Roch.

#### The new Bishop of Southampton, the Right Rev Jonathan Gledhill, 47, after his consecration at Southwark Cathedral yesterday **Dinners**

ar Goldsmiths' Hall. Mr Richard Vanderpump, Master, assisted by the Wardens, presided. The Lord Mayor, Mr Nigel Nichols, War-den, and Sir Barry Sheen were the speakers. The Prime Warden of the Goldsmiths' Company, the Mas-ters of the Broderers', Loriners', Glass-Sellers' and Tobacco Pine Glass-Sellers' and Tobacco Pipe Makers' and Tobacco Blenders' Companies, the Director-General of Logistic Support, and the Com-mander and Defence Adviser to the Canadian High Commi were among the guests.

Hayd Yacks
The Duke of Edinburgh last night attended a dinner held at Gibson Hali, Bishopsgate, for officers who have served in the Royal Yachts.
Commodore AJ.C. Morrow, RN,

Commodore Royal Yachts, pre-

Commodore Royal Yachts, pre-sided. Among others present were:
Admiral of the Flest Sir William
Staveley, Admirals Sir Brian Brown
and Sir Jock Stater, Vice-Admirals Sir
Philip Watson, Sir Cameron Rusby,
Sir James Wennrall, the Hon Sir
Nicholas Hill-Norton and M A C
Moor, Ren-Admirals Sir Richard
Trowoldge, Sir Paul Greening, Sir
John Garnier, Sir Robert Woodard, I
H Adams, T M Bevan, J P Evans, P P
M Franklyn, A A Lockyer, J H S
McArrally, P B Rowe, J T Sunnders, D
M Shervial and K. A Snow, Surgeon

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Bermuda Society
Dr David Saul, Premier of Ber-

muda, was the principal speaker at the tenth annual dinner of the Bermuda Society held yesterday at

Merchant Taylors' Hall. Viscount

Anglo-Spanish Society
The Spanish Ambassador, Presi-

dent of the Anglo-Spanish Society, accompanied by Señora de Aza, presided at a dinner held last night at Over-Seas House, St James's.

Sir Robert Wade-Gery, chairman, received the guests. Mr Felipe Fernandez-Armesto was the guest

speaker.

During the dinner the Ambas-

sador presented the Santa Cruz Prize to Mr Jimmy Burns for the

best contribution to the society's journal. Others present included:

Marquess de Aurion, Sir Ronald and Lady Lindsay of Downfil. Sir Robin and Lady Fearn. Lady Parker and Lady Wade-Cerp.

Gold and Silver Wyre Drawers'

Company
The Lord Mayor, accompanied by
the Sheriffs and their ladies,
attended the annual livery dinner
of the Gold and Siver Wyre

Drawers' Company held yesterday

Dunrossil, chairman, presided.

Past Overseers Society of St Margaret & St John Westminster The Lord Mayor of Westminster and the Denn of Westminster were the guests of honour at the annual dinner of the Past Overseers Society of St Margaret & St John Westminster. Mr J.L.C. Dribbell, vice-chairman of the society, pre-sided. Dr C.E. Evans also spoke.

Inner Temple
The Treasurer, Mr Edward
Nugee, QC, and Masters of the
Bench of the Inner Temple entermined the following guests at
dinner in hall last night, it being the Grand Day of Michaelmas

the Grand Day of Michaelmas Term:

The High Commissioner for New Zealand, Viscount Ridlee, RG, Viscounters Brentford, the Bishop of London, Lady Machay of Cleshfern, Lody Earnes, Lord Bramall, RG, Lord Wilberforce, Lord Framall, RG, Lord Brightman, Marshal of the RAS Lord Migherforce, Lord Frenglernan, Lord Brightman, Marshal of the RAS Lord Lady Staughton, 3if Michael Colman, Sir Denis Thatcher, and Baroness Thatcher, LG, OM, FRS, General Sir Martin Farndaie, Sir Royer Brandster, Sir Anthony Care, Sir Powić Lees, Mr Conrad Dehn, QC, treasurer, Middle Sherrard, Gray's Junk, Mr Michael Sherrard, Gray's Junk, Mr Michael Sherrard, Gray Siruh, Mr Michael Sherrard, Gray's Junk, Mr Michael Sherrard, Mrs Rachel Nugee, Mr Denis Sik, Mr Edward Deater, Mr Richard Morgar, Mr Lan War, Mrs Sarbert Faul Rodinson, Mr Michael Melluish. Mr John Nugee, Mr Andrew Nugee and Brigadier Peter Little, (sub-treasurer).

Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors Mr Geoffrey Ashworth presided at the annual dirner of the quantity surveyors' division of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Geoffrey Wright and Mr Tony Blackler were the

Queen Mary and Westfield College Professor Graham Zellick, Prin-

cipal of Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University, and Sir Christopher France, chairman Sir Christopher France, chairman' of council, presided at a guest night held yesterday at the college. Among others present were:
Lord Justice Millett, Sir Robert-Jennings, QC. Professor Sir Michael Thompson. Mr. John Howe, Dr. Anthony Julias, Mr. Simon Keswick, M. Otivier Potver D'Arvor, Dr. Michael Schools, the Headmasser, Bancoults School, Major-General T.P. Toyne Sewell and Mr. Stanley Wright (college treasurer).

Royal Society
Professor John Rowlinson, Physical Secretary to the Royal Society,
presided at a Royal Society Technology Jecture delivered by Dr
Michael Bagshaw, Head of Aviation Medical Services, British Airways, last night at 6 Cariton House Terrane. The Chief Medical Officer of the Civit Aviation Authority, the Director of General Medical Services, RAF, the Director of Health Services, British Airways and the Chief Inspector of Air Accidents, Air Accident Ina dinner held afterwards.

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SPECIALISTS

The Rev R.D.F. Wor's The Rev R.D.F. Wild's old boys held a dinner last night at Boo-die's. Mr Wild, who died a year

#### **Forthcoming** marriages

Mr A. Aran Iglesia and Mint S.J. Newell

The engagement is announced between Alfredo, son of Mr and Mrs Francisco Aran Lopez, of Madrid, Spain, and Susannah Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Newell, of Sutton Courtenay, Oxfordshire. Mr J.D. Birchall

and Miss S.J.D. Cross The engagement is announced between John, son of Mr and Mrs Mark Birchall, of Wandsworth, and Sarah, daughter of the Rev John and Mrs Cross, of Kingston

Mr S.A. Brown

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**Marriages** 

Mr P.D. Jenner and Miss J.A.D. Hargreaves The marriage took place on Octo-ber 4, 1996, between Mr Paul D. Jeoner, eldest son of Mr and Mrs A.J. Jenner, of Croydon, and Miss Jill Alison D. Hargreaves, eldest daughter of the late H.G. Har-greaves and of Mrs R.C. Hargreaves, of Toys Hill, Kent. Mr I.S. Steers

and Mrs J.M. Campbell The marriage took place quietly in London, on Monday, November 18, 1996, of Ian Sydney Steers to Joan Margaret Campbell.

#### Gruesome pursuit digs up top prize

A MORBID taste for bones has made John Hunter the Archaeologist of the Year, the major prize at the British Archaeological Awards ceremony in Cardiff this week (Norman Hammond writes). The award was given for Professor thunter's awark in descriptions of the Virgin Group prize of the prize o Hunter's work in developing forensic archaeology in Britain. This grossome branch of a

This gruescene branch of a profession dedicated to digging up bones and other people's dusthins, deals with the recently dead. Professor Hunter, head of archaeology at Birmingham University, has argued for the use of the delicate techniques of archaeological investigation to be specified to such cases as the applied to such cases as the Gloucester murders, instead of the more robust pick-and-shape ap-proach often employed by the nolice

Among the other biennial awards, which were presented by Magnus Magnusson, the search

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tion of a site.

The Archaeology Book of the Year was Jean Wilson's The Archaeology of Shakespeare, a study of the Elizabethan Theatre and its remains, such as the Rose and Globe playhouses. ITV's Time Team nock the Broadcast Award given by Channel 4, for its programme on the Tockenham site. Two young archaeologists, Allce Bennet and Susan Westizke, were ing srchaeology, and three journalists; including Edward Owen of The Times, received Pres. Awards from British Gas-Transco for outstanding reporting.

#### **Appointments**

Latest appointments include: Field Marshal Lord Virgent of Lady Juliet de Chair and Dr David Coleshill to be Master Gunner, St. Landau to be trustees of the Coleshill to be Master Gunner, St James's Park, from today on the Farndale:

Mr Richard George Branwell McCombe, QC, to be Attorney-General of the Duchy of Lancaster and Attorney and Serjeant within the County Palatine of Lancaster in succession to Mr Justice Timothy Llovd

Sir Anthony Tennant to be chair-man of the Royal Academy Trust in succession to Mr John Raisman, who retires on December 6. Sir Trevor Chinn to be deputy chair-

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SANGROFT - On 19th November 1996 Lord Ian Powell GGB, after a long fight, beloved husband, father and grandfather. Private family service. Memorial Service at a later date. Donations please to Trinity Hospics, 30 Claphen Common North Side, London SW4 CSS.

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(ave Smith, formerly of Leeds) died 19th November 1996, aged 72. Much loved wife of Arthur, mother of Susan and Hilary and grandmother of Rosa and goseph Funeral Service at St John's Digswell, (Wolwyn Garden City) on Tuesday 26th November at 1.30 pm followed by private cremation. Family flowers only, piesse, donattons for cremation. Family Howers only, please, donations for the isabet Hospice may be sent of Geo. W. Blow & Soms, Church Street, Welwyn, rei: (01438) 714686.

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COOK - Namey, on Movember 18th, pencefully at home at Radbourne, Derbyshire, a week before her 82nd hirthday, Dear wife of the late Toby Cook, Greatly loved by her children, Jame, Barbarn and Guy, her grandchildren, Iannily and friends. Funeral at Kalberns Farias Church 2 pm on Tuesday, 26th November, Sample theses of donations, if preferred, to the British Red Cross. Enquiries to W. Jones and Son, Brailsford, Durbys, Tub (01335) 360319.

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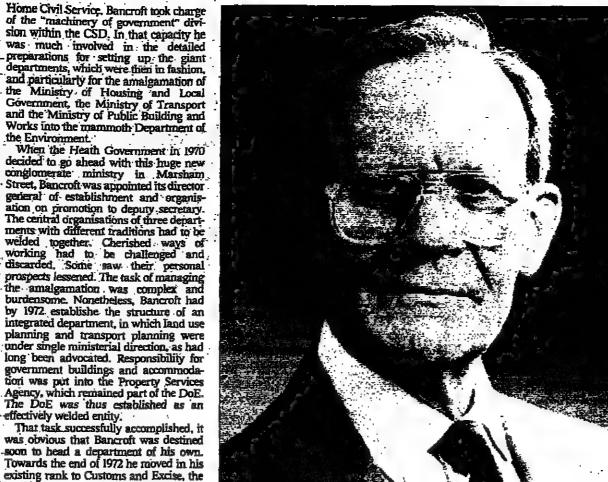
Lord Bancroft, GCB, Head of the Home Civil Service and Permanent Secretary to the Civil Service Department, 1978-81, died on November 19 aged 73. He was born on December 23, 1922

an Bancroft was one of the most able and distinguished civil servants of his generation, and his rise to be Head of the Home Civil Service was, if not effortless, then almost inevitable and certainly well merited. He served with great distinction first as director general of establishments and organisation and then as Permanent Secretary in the Department of the Environment. It was his misfortune that the last years of his time in Whitehall, as Permanent Secretary to the Civil Service Department and Head of the Home Civil Service, were overshadowed by the arrival of a Prime Minister determined upon a reduction in Civil Service numbers and sceptical about the value of a department which she viewed as being divorced from the realities of actual day-to-day administration. In that sense, he was one of the first - though not the last - casualties of Margaret Thatcher's impatience with all institutions which she saw as being detached from the management of money and resources

Ian Powell Bancroft was the son of Alfred Ernest Bancroft. He was educated at Coatham School, in Clevelarid, and Balliol College, Oxford, of which he was a scholar (and latterly an honorary fellow). He served in the Rifle Brigade from 1942 to 1945, and joined the Civil Service in 1947. as one of the "reconstruction" entrants. He was posted to the Treasury as an assistant principal, and was quickly marked out as a "flyer" by being made-private secretary to Sir Henry Wilson Smith, then Second Secretary. He served under Sir William Armstrong in the private office o R. A. Butler when he was Chancellor of the Exchequer, and went with Butler, for whom he had a high regard, as his private secretary when he became Lord Privy Seal in December 1955. Spells in the Cabinet Office and later in the Treasury expenditure divisions were followed in 1964 by his becoming principal private secretary to the Chancel lor (first Reginald Maudling and then James Callaghan). He was promoted to

under-secretary in 1966 when only 43. He was serving on the management side of the Treasury when it was hived off to become the new Civil Service Department in 1968. Under William Armstrong as Permanent Secretary and Head of the

#### LORD BANCROFT



head of which was shortly to retire. It was, however, a time of unrest in the Civil Servic over the Heath Government's pay pause — troubles in which Customs were much concerned — and the preoccupation of William Armstrong with advising the succeed Sir David Serpell as its Permanent Secretary. Relations between central Prime Minister on counter-inflation poliand local government were at a difficult cy left something of a hianus at the top of juncture. The Layfield report had recomthe Civil Service Department. mended far-reaching changes in local It was, therefore, decided to create a government finance in the direction of second Permanent Secretary post in the department, to be responsible for running greater financial independence. But local authorities were demonstrating an init on a day-to-day basis: and Bancroft was creased propensity to overspend their promoted to fill the position. In it he set agreed public expenditure allocations,

ment control of local spending. among civil servants, and had given rise to a widespread view that only by militant Departmental expenditure also came action would management be made to under pressure as part of the public take notice of grievances over pay and expenditure cuts from 1976 onwards. Bancroft quickly established good rela-At the end of 1975 Bancroft returned to tionships with the leaders of local governthe Department of the Environment to ment and the building industry (which

also came within the DoE's purview); and his close acquaintance with the heads of other departments concerned in varying aspects of local government, built up over years of working with them in Whitehall, was of great help in co-ordinating, from the DoE, the general direction of policy on local government.

The decision of the new Prime Minister, Harold Wilson, to restore responsibilities for transport once again to a separate department unstitched part of the amaigamation which Bancroft had worked so effectively to achieve. He sought to carry through the separation in a way that retained as many of the benefits of the amalgamation as possible, and particularly the preservation of common staff lists, and a common staffing organisation.

The fact that the divorce was accomplished with minimal friction owed much to his direction and to his handling of relationships with the staff affected, and with the staff associations.

When the time came for Sir Douglas Allen (now Lord Croham) to retire as Permanent Secretary to the Civil Service Department and Head of the Home Civil Service towards the end of 1977, Bancroft was obviously a strong candidate to succeed him. His appointment was widely expected and warmly welcomed by his peers and colleagues. It seemed to be the crowning achievement of his career in the public service.

His last two years in office, from 1979 to 1981, were not, however, comfortable. Mrs Thatcher's declared determination to improve the efficiency of the Civil Service was inevitably seen as an implicit criticism of existing inefficiency, something which Bancroft, as Head of the Home Civil Service, felt to be much exaggerated and unfair. He was not opposed to a reduction in the size of the Civil Service, and ready to play his part in achieving it: but he felt that a published commitment to a target reduction of 20 per cent over five years, without clear and detailed proposals as to how this was to be achieved, was unsatisfactory and bad for Civil Service morale. The Prime Minister's scenticism about the effectiveness and value of the CSD, together with her appointment of a a new efficiency unit, headed by an "outsider" (Sir Derek Rayner from Marks & Spencer) and not under the umbrella of the CSD, added to the uneasiness of the relationship between the Prime Minister and the Head of the Home Civil Service. Moreover, Bancroft himself was not in the best of health at this

The Prime Minister's decision in November 1981 to abolish the CSD, to divide its functions between the Treasury and a new Manpower and Personnel Office within the Cabinet Office, and to designate the Permanent Secretary to the Treasury and the Secretary of the Cabinet as Joint Heads of the Home Civil Service, meant for Bancroft a premature and unhappy end to his distinguished career as a public servant. He accepted the decision with dignity, and characteristically with more concern for its implications for others than with those for himself.

He had been appointed CB in 1971, created KCB in 1975 and advanced to GCB in 1979; the overall distinction of his Whitehall career was recognised by his being made a life peer in 1982 - here he

was luckier than some later Heads of the Diplomatic Service. In retirement he took on a number of appointments, some commercial (as with his deputy chairmanship of Sun Life) but mostly of a public service or charitable nature.

He used every opportunity presented to him as a member of the House of Lords to defend the values of public service and the good name of the Civil Service with the same tenacity and determination that he had shown while in government. Earlier this year he led an attempt in the House of Lords to stop the Government from privatising the Recruitment and Assess-ment Services, which culminated in a vote on the issue and a defeat for the Government by a sizeable majority.

Bancroft was not the only person to be annoyed when the Government went ahead with its plans regardless, apparently on the principle, Hoc volo, sic jubeo; sit pro ratione voluntas (This I wish, this I

order; don't ask me why").

As an official, lan Bancroft was disciplined and invariably self-controlled; skilful in sizing up a difficult problem quickly; deft and expeditious in the dispatch of business; and effective in negotiation. He was meticulous in planning the handling of a problem so as to make sure that it was resolved in the most effective way, and so as to minimise the scope for the unexpected.

As a man, he was unfailingly approachible, courteous, likeable and understanding: great fun to work with; sensitive more than most to the effects of outside changes on an individual's prospects and hopes, and anxious to soothe as far as possible: yet with an iron hand in the velvet glove where the public interest, as he saw it, so demanded.

He had a major internal operation earlier in his career, and another not long before he retired. Although they must have taken their toll, he nevertheless contrived to stand up to pressure over the years without wilting, and both before and after his retirement took upon himself a daunting load of commitments.

While an undergraduate he had some poems published (though he was subsequently said not to recognise quotations from them). Watching, and following, cricket were both keen interests.

In 1950 he married Jean, the daughter of David Richard Swaine, who survives him, together with two sons and a daughter. He was sustained throughout his career by the devoted support of his wife, a happy family life and the unstinted respect and affection of his colleagues and

#### PROFESSOR VIC HARRISON

himself the task of trying to remove the

causes of the ill-feeling that had grown up

Vic Harrison, Professo of Morbid Anatomy at the Royal Postgradu Medical School University of London, 1955-72, died on October 24 aged 89. He was born on January 21, 1907.

VIC HARRISON was one of the most distinguished pathologists of his generation. As Professor of Morbid Austomy at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School he contributed to every aspect of the life of the school and the associated Hammersmith Hospital: the clinical care of patients, postgraduate medical education and research. Collaboration with laboratory-based and clinical colleagues came naturally to him, making his expertise in morbid anatomy and histology freely available to anyone with a problem to which it was relevant.

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In research much of his work was collaborative. He worked on dust diseases of the lung with Earl King, and on pulmonary vascular diseases of the lung with Paul Wood, John Goodwin and Robers



conditions.

Steiner. Histopathologists from all over the world were trained in his department, and he made essential contributions to the educational activities of all departments of the school, notably in the prepara-tion of material for clinicopathological conferences.
Charles Victor Harrison

was educated at Dean Close School, Cheltenham, where he made his mark not only academically, but also as a gymmast.

cine at University College, Cardiff, and at University College Hospital, London As a student he had been awarded the Willie Seager gold medal in pathology and, after qualification, he immediately ook up an appointment in E. H. Kettle's department of pathology in Cardiff. In 1935, he moved to the newly-found-Postgraduate Medical School at Hammersmith, where Keitle had been appointed Professor of Path-

> In 1939 Harrison became senior lecturer in pathology in Liverpool, where he spent the war years, doing his share of fire-watching, but continuing research activities, notably on the rhesus factor in obstetrics. He returned to the Postgraduare Medical School of London in Hammersmith in 1946 as a Reader, and in 1955 was appointed Professor of Morbid Anatomy.

> In 1963 Harrison became a founder Fellow of the Royal College of Pathologists, and in 1967 he was elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Coll-

e of Physicians. In 1972 the University of Wales awarded him a DSc. honoris causa. When he retired from the

and that brought with it suggestions of a

need for greater, not less, central govern-

chair at the Royal Postgraduate Medical School in 1972. Harrison applied for the chair of Pathology at the new University of Ife, Nigeria. Here he spent three years setting up a department, training a new generation of students and selecting and preparing his successor. On his return to England he continued for several years acting as a shortterm locum nathologist in hospitals in the Home Coun-

In retirement he settled down to enjoy his extra-medical interests. He was an excellent carpenter and a keen small boat sailor. His most ambitious project had been to build a 10 ft sailing dinghy which plied the Thames at weekends for many years. He also took an active interest in history, gardening and ornithology.

Harrison's wife, Olga, whom he married in 1937, died last year. He is survived by a 5001.

YOUR WILL

#### MARUTHA MENUHIN Marutha Menuhin, mother of Lord Menuhin died on November 15

THE remarkable life of Lord Menuhin has been guided and shaped by two equally remarkable woman. One is the great violinist's formidably protective second wife, Diana. whom he married in 1947; the other, whose influence persisted right up to her death last week, was his extraordinary mother, Marutha.

aged 100. She was born

on January 7, 1896.

Yehudi Menuhin has described his mother as "unerring in purpose, unhesitating and even ruthless in means". Her discipline and dedication were undoubtedly decisive in nurturing and developing his precocious talent. But there was a price to be paid for the devotion of so exacting a matriarch, and Menuhin's was a childhood with few of the conventional emotional

Menuhin and his two sisters - all three became professional musicians - were brought up strictly and in isolation, without toys and playthings", and never went to school. To Marutha Menuhin, self-control was all-important. She was, according to her son, "a passionate and deeply feeling woman, but totally unsentimental. There was no hugging. She took pride in standing pain." He never saw

Lord Menuhin looks back on his unorthodox childhood with warmth and affection, and would never hear a word against his mother. His younger sister, the pianist Yaltah, has less fond memories of growing up. "We were isolated as we travelled around the world with Yehudi," she once complained. "We were not

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not anticipated by Molière: Leo

The Menuhins: Marutha (centre) with Yaltah, Yehudi, Hepzibah and Moshe living the life of childhood at all. Trying to live in public when you're suffering privately is difficult." in Yaltah's recollection, her mother was a tyrant, responsi-

ble not only for neglecting her children but for breaking up her son's first marriage. Those accusations brought Marutha Menuhin unwelcome public attention when they formed part of a controversial account of Yehudi Menuhin's life by the film-maker Tony Palmer, presented first on television in 1990 and then as a book which its subject tried to ban. Menuhin found the charges incomprehensible and unfair.

Marutha Menuhin's origins were mysterious, and she liked to make them more mysterious still. She was born Marutha Sher in the Crimea. of a family belonging to the tiny Karaite sect. Jewish Scriptural fundamendalists who were reputed to have converted from Christianity. Her blonde hair and striking blue eyes, pointed, it was suggested, to Tartar or Circassian blood - as, perhaps, did a streak of fierceness and a

lifelong fascination with knives. The only one of seven sib-

lings to survive beyond infancy, she was sent with her mother to Palestine in 1904, to escape the pogroms in Russia. Her father stayed behind, and their separation became permanent. It was in Palestine that she encountered her future husband, Moshe Mnuchin, but it was only later, in 1914, that they married, after meeting again in America by chance.

Between leaving Jaffa and arriving in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Marutha had added English and French to her original Russian, Yiddish and Hebrew. She was later to learn German. Italian and Spanish as well, and family conversations might be in any

or all of those languages. After settling in America Moshe Menuhin and his wife earned a living as teachers; he rose to be head of the Jewish education board in San Francisco, with her as his assistant. But when the extraordinary talents of their children became apparent, the family

wholly dedicated to the careers of the three young prodigies. Moshe Menuhin died in 1988, four years after the family's elder daughter. Hepzibah. Marutha's longevity may have owed something to physical toughness and a rigorous regime. As a young woman she would sleen in her corset to preserve her 23-inch waist. She treated cuts with caustic soda. It was her habit to bathe in ice-cold water mixed with grapefruit skins and a smelly Russian drink called Kvass. She also brewed her own explosive version of Koumiss, a Crimean concoction of mare's milk and, in her

embarked on a nomadic life

daughter-in-law's words. "God alone knows what else". But what really kept her going was probably her dedication to the cause she held most dear. Her own verdict on her life, delivered in her sale. reluctant contribution to Tony Palmer's film, was straightforward: "I'm grateful you're my son." she told Lord Menuhin.

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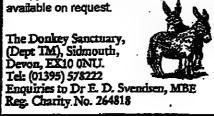
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The Doctor's Dilemma was Shaw's reply to the critic William Archer who declared that the playwright could not write a death scene. The dying words of Dubedat - "I believe in Rembrandt, Michelangelo and Velasquez were held by some critics as blasphemous.

and nothing is altered but the names. Sir Patrick, who stands for bluff cynical comment on scientific affectation, heads a group of half-adocen medical types. There is Sir Ralph Bloomfield Bonnington – familiarly known as "old B.B." – Court physician (much liked by what he invariably calls "the Family") and plantudinously pompous bungler. He is, as you see, an entirely Moheresque figure. Good easy man, he does not know the difference between a vaccine and an anti-toxin, and is all for stimulating the phasportes. There is Sir Colenso zmacher, who has made a fortune in the East End by selling advice and drugs for supences, under the sign "cure guaranteed", and Dr. Blenkinsop, a hard-working general pracitioner who has never succeeded in making both vaccine and an anti-totin, and is all for stimulating the phagocytes. There is Sir Colenso Ridgeon — pust knighted as the curtain rises for his great "opsonin" discovery — who is all for buttering the bacilli. There is the great surgeon. Cutter Walpole, who in every human ill sees blood-poisoning and is all for cutting out the "nuciform sac". Physic he blumby characterises as "rot": the physicians, in return, dismiss surgery as mere "manual lubour". There remain two yours not anticipated by Molière. Leo ends meet and begs fashionable consultants for their east-off frockcoats. All these people display their several humours in a Queen Anne-street consulting room, whither they have come to congrabulate Sir Colenso Ridgeon on his Birthday

From Queen Anne-street their Ime of march takes them to the "Star and Garter" at Richmond. and thence to Louis Duhedar's studio But who is Louis Duhedar? ... Louis Duhedar is an artist

with a tuberculous lung ... Jeannier Dubedat. Louis's wife, has sought out Sir Colenso Ridgeon and, with great difficulty, secured his promise to undertake the case. When Ridgeon consents it is really out of his profound (but entirely discreet) tration for Jennifer, an idealist from Cornwall, a child of nature, to whom belief in Louis'

genius is a religion . . . And now Sir Colenso is in a worse dilemma than ever. For he finds that his poor confrere, the morally irreproachable Dr. Blenkinson, has also a turberculous lune. Which is he to save? The good Blenkinsop, who is a social failure, or the had Dubedat who paints good pictures? Good men are fairly common, he argues. Good pictures very rare. And he decides in favour of Dubedat.

But now there is a fresh complication. Jennifer Dubedat's whole life consists in the worship of Louis If Louis ceased to be her hero, she would commit suicade — has, indeed, already marked out a certain cliff in Cornwall for that purpose. To prolong Dubedat's life is to ensure that his wife shall souner or later find him out, and so, have her religion shanered and lose her own life mo the bargain. Therefore, for Jennifer's cake jeven although to the vulgar mind, it may look like murdering a man in the hope of marrying his widowi Sir Colenso must let Louis die.

Rather hard that of a lad should be killed because his wife has too high an opinion of homfew of us are in that predicament ...

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#### Tunnel stays shut in safety row

■ The Channel Tunnel is to remain closed indefinitely after Eurotunnel representatives walked out of talks with its safety

SNCF, the French rail operator, ruled out any resumption of services before Monday, and if the safety authority insists that the tunnel is fully repaired before any trains run, it could be closed until the new year .....

#### Police shoot supermarket gunman

A disturbed knifeman who went on the rampage in a busy city supermarket was shot dead by a police marksman last night. The 40-year-old-man, brandishing a knife and a pair of handcuffs, ran into the Co-op shop in Washwood Heath Road, Ward End, Birmingham, after an argument with a woman, believed to be his mother, at a house near by ...... Page I

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The Government faced mounting pressure to give way to MPs and allow a debate on the single currency after suffering an embarrassing defeat ..... ....Page 1

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Sir Robin Butler, the Cabinet secretary, became embroiled in a political row as he insisted that the impartiality of civil servants had not been compromised by a Tory document on Labour spending plans...

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A High Court judge has called for a ceasefire to a costly ten-year dispute over a stone wall dividing two medieval homes in a Cots-

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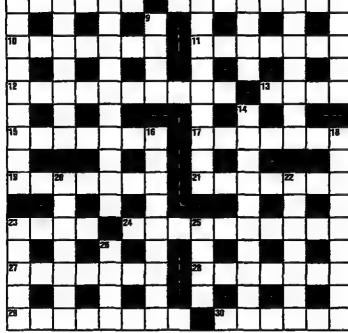
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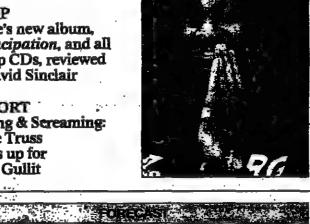
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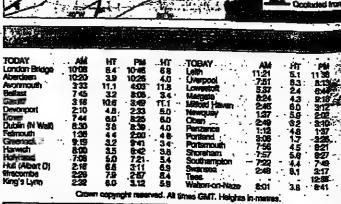


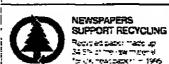


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**BUSINESS EDITOR Lindsay Cook** 

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 21 1996

Rumours of cuts in the Tecs' among training leaders for some between 10 per cent and 15 per cent, and perhaps as much as 20 per cent,

ment is continuing to fall, unemployment among young people

believe that cuts on such a scale in what they claim is now a successful programme will provoke strong opposition from business, training providers and the opposition.

Today, Gillian Shephard, Secre-tary of State for Education and Employment, will publish the Government's latest strategic guidance document for Tecs, called Tecs Beyond 2000, which in effect is a five-year plan on what the Govern-

emphasise the need for Tecs and

local authorities to work together at local level rowards local economic development. It will set out the rationalisation of business services that Tecs help to provide through the Government's Business Links network, and will seek to foster further mergers between Tecs and chambers of commerce, which Michael Heseltine, Deputy Prime Minister, is understood to be press-

The guidance will also attempt to resolve some of the local rivalries between chambers, Tecs and Busithe BLs are the "retail arm" of the organisations, which manage their funding, including Tecs.

Chris Humphries, the Tec National Council policy director, said: Young people are clearly opting for YT and Modern Apprenticeships as their learning route of choice."

Tecs also said that YT was showing "significant" quality improvements, moving away from what they admitted was its earlier reputation as a programme offering low-level skills. The organisation said that in 1995-96, 82 per cent of all

participants were at NVQ Level 2 and above - equivalent to GCSE compared with 37 per cent in in 1991.

Sir Garry Johnson, Tec National Council chairman, who will join Mrs Shephard in announcing the new guidance, strongly defended YT, saying: "Government figures show that more than 84 per cent of young people who complete YT either get a job, or go on to continuing full-time education."

With youth unemployment still high, Sir Garry added, "YT offers a

and to a "world class toolbox"

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Dr Padfield said: "It really is

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Gates took part in the merger

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#### Power cut

National Power, the generator, suffered a 24 per cent fall in pre-tax profits months to the end of September, partly because of a £57 million charge over the failed bid for Southern Electric. A 20 per cent fall in output is expected. Page 28

#### Racing ahead

British car production thanks to a surge in exports and a steady home

#### Tecs braced for Budget cut in youth training funds

BY PHILIP BASSETT. INDUSTRIAL VIDITOR

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is expected to cut the main government training programme for young people in next week's Budget by up to 20 per cent. Training and Enterprise Councils are bracing themselves for

cuts in their funding. funding have been circulating time. Based on leaked information

will be announced in the Budget.

YT, the Government's main programme for school leavers, offers vocational training to 16- and 17-year-olds to the equivalent of GCSE standard. Currently 263,500 young people are on YT, and with Modern Apprenticeships, the programme with which it is linked, costs £669

Even though overall unemploy-

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Bill Gates gets 3% stake in

Chiroscience

By Paul Durman

BILL GATES, the founder

and chairman of Microsoft,

is to take a 3 per cent stake in

Chiroscience as part of the

biotechnology company's

\$120 million acquisition of

Darwin Molecular Corpora-

tion, an American genetic

Mr Gates and Paul Allen,

Microsoft's co-founder, each

own 14 per cent of Darwin, which like Microsoft is

based in Seattle. The all-

share deal, announced yes-

terday, will give Mr Gates.

who is a director of Darwin,

a holding of a little more

than 3 per cent in the

Chiroscience is one of

Britain's largest biotech

companies, valued in the

stock market at nearly £300

million. Its first drug, a

painkiller, has just been launched in Spain, but

Chiroscience is working on a

local anaesthetic and cancer

drugs that are potentially

John Padfield, chief execu-

tive of Chiroscience, said the

deal with Darwin would

more important.

Chiroscience equity.

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#### Rate and Budget pressures for Clarke

BY JANET BUSH AND ROBERT MILLER

KENNETH CLARKE, the Chancellor, came under further pressure yesterday to resist a giveaway Budget and consider further increases in interest rates after figures suggesting considerable co-

nomic buoyancy.
The last batch of key economic statistics before next Tuesday's Budget included strong bank and building society lending, a surge in money supply, a new record for ear production and another healthy rise in high

street spending. In the City, stocks and government bonds fell on lears that Mr Clarke will be forced to raise interest gates again, under pressure from the Bank of England. The next meeting on rates is on Decem-

The Office for National Statistics said that retail sales rose 0.4 per cent in October, reversing the 0.3 per cent drop recorded in September. These figures were in line with City forecasts and confirmed that consumer spending is robust: However, there was worry-

ing news for the City in the shape of a 1.1 per cent rise in the M4 measure of broad money supply in October. Annual growth rose to 10.3 per cent from 9.9 per cent in September. The measure has now been outside the Government's 3 to 9 per cent monitoring range for a year. Although the Treasury has not appeared to take much notice of strong growth in M4, the Bank of England will be concerned.

he main component boosting M4 was a huge £7.4 billion jump in bank and building suciety lending, which compared with a much smaller. increase of £3.7 billion in September, it may well be that lending was boosted by companies borrowing to finance corporation tax repayments, were particularly strong in October. However, other lending figures yestersuggested across the board and genuine strength in

credit demand. Separate figures from the British Bankers' Association showed that lending by the main British banking groups

rose £3.07 billion in October. £2.40 billion in September. The BBA said that mortgage lending and consumer credit were both strong, but also that there was now a greater and more widespread appetite for finance within industry. The Building Societies Asso-

ciation said net mortgage a vances in October were £1.3 billion, compared with El.1 billion in September, while ap-£3.9 billion, compared with £3.5 billion. Gross advances rose £324 million to £3.8

Adrian Coles, director-general of the BSA, said new lending to first-time buyers and people trading up was much higher than at the start of the year. However, he added that, while the recovery in mortgage lending was soundly based, the 0.25 per cent rise in base rates at the end of October, along with the approaching Budget, may have introduced some uncertainty into the market, which could affect lending in the next month of so.

The Chancellor's overriding aim in his Budget next week should therefore be for economic stability," he said.

The BSA also reported an inflow of savers' funds of £928 million in October, compared with £512 million in September. It suggested that fears of a stock market "correction" may have driven would-be equity investors back to the haven of society savings WITHIN

Mr Coles noted that there was usually an up-turn in savings at this time of year, as people begun to save for Christmas, but that October's inflow was more than twice as much as in the previous month and the highest since September last year.

He said: "Societies' success may reflect investors' caution over personal equity plans after widespread comment about the possibility of share prices falling, but it is also related to the attractive interest rates available on many building society products." UK production of cars accel-

erated 39.3 per cent last month to record its highest October total. The figure for October was 179,963, compared with 129,192 in October 1995.



Gerry Robinson rejected calls for a demerger of Granada's television side

#### **Granada impresses City** with handling of Forte

By Alasdair Murray

A YEAR on from the launch of its bid battle for Forte, Granada, the media and hotels company, impressed the City yesterday by fulfilling its promises and delivering # 37 per cent increase in full-year profits, before tax and.

exceptionals, to £480 million. At the time of the £3.9 billion bid, Granada, which now controls businesses ranging from Happy Eaters to Coro-nation Street, set itself a profit target of an extra E100 million from the Forte businesses by the end of 1997.

The company yesterday dis-closed that it had raised profits by £40 million in the first eight and half months since winning control of Forte - well above analysts' expectations. However, Granada shares fell 10p, to 88212p, after a market rumour that the company was interested in buying Accor, the French hotels company, although Charles Allen, Granada's chief executive, flat-

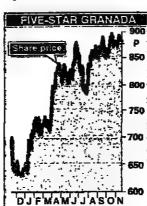
ly denied the speculation.

Some City critics were also

disappointed that Gerry Rob-

inson, chairman, again rejected demerger of the media side and said that Granada had no plans to sell its 10.8 per cent of BSkyB, the satellite broadcaster, in the near future.

The hotel division, acquired in the Forte takeover, recorded profits of £168 million, a 53 per cent rise on a like-for-like basis. Profits of the Exclusive chain of hotels, which Granada is selling grew by 60 per cent, to £31 million. Granada sold the Hyde Park Hotel to Mandarin



Oriental International for £86

million this week. The media division, including the Granada and LWT television franchises, lifted its profits 17 per cent, to £163 million. Coronation Street branding deals, including sponsorship by Cadbury Schweppes, added £8 million in revenue.

The restaurant division increased operating profits by 80 per cent, to £217 million, aided inclusion of former Forte sinesses, such as Little Chef. Granada said that Welcome Break, the motorway service chain, had increased profits by 39 per cent and is set for disposal early next year. Rental division profits rose by 3 per cent, to £126 million. Exceptional costs were £76 million, including £73 million

for a reorganisation of Forte businesses involving nearly 600 job losses. Granada said there will be no more charges. The total dividend rises by 11 per cent, to 13p. A final payout of 8.765p is due on April 1.

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#### give the company access to Darwin, will also join the many new drug candidates, market. Page 32

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#### Majority favour higher public spending

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A MAJORITY of the British public say they would support higher public spending on health and education even if this would lead to higher taxes for them personally, a report pub-lished jointly by the Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) and Social and Community Planning Research says today. The report shows that 64 per cent of

the 1,200 people surveyed would

approve of higher spending on health and 52 per cent on education, even if taxes were raised. Almost four of every ten people feel the same about spend-

ing on the police.
The IFS said: "People's attitudes seem to be driven by a combination of selfinterest and a sense of the common good. In particular, many richer individuals viewed higher spending on education as in the national interest even if they did not believe that their own household would directly benefit from this." Richer people seemed inclined to favour higher spending on health and education even when financed through income-related taxes.

The study found that parents who send their children to private schools seem to be most supportive of improvements in the state education system. This, it is suggested was because they had opted only reluctantly for private schooling, feeling that they had been faced with little choice. ☐ The Adam Smith Institute's Budget

Chancellor to abolish or phase out capital gains tax, end inheritance tax. reduce excise duties on alcohol and extend childcare tax relief to small employers. The institute also advocates tax relief on home improvements that increase living space. This, it says, would decrease the need for expanding families to move and reduce pressure on the green belt.

#### **Dawson** confident despite a 13% fall

By SARAH CUANINGHAM

DAWSON INTERNATION-AL, the knitwear group hest known for Pringle cashmere cent drop in pre-tax profits to £7.3 million in the six months ended September 28. There was a 3 per cent fall in sales to £154.3 million from £168.6

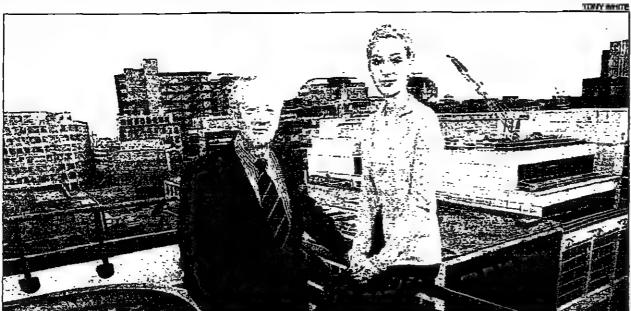
Derek Finlay, chairman. said yesterday that despite the latest profits dip: "The turnaround at Dawson International is now proceeding on

He said sales of Pringle's new Faldo collection are going well and that the main cause of the fall in group sales in the first half was a slow start to the winter season in America, where the discount stores have been slow to take delivery from JE Morgan, its thermal underwear

subsidiary. Mr Finlay said that retail sales of the goods are going well. "so we expect to see full delivery of orders in hand".

Construction of a cashmere dehalring plant in Bantou. Inner Mongolia, has hegun. It is intended to protect the group's long-term supply of top-quality Chinese raw white

Earnings fell to 3.1p a share from 3.8p but the interim dividend has been held at 1.5p. payable on January 10. Net deht was reduced by £9.5 million year-on-year to E74.3 million. Net gearing was pulled back to 50 per cent



Derek Finlay, chairman, with Davina Kruse, a model, dressed in part of the company's latest Pringle range

#### **National Power warns of** big reduction in output

year and £145 million for the

National Power spent more

than £600 million on overseas

rojects last year. Such spend-

ing is unlikely to be repeated

in the short term, but the com-

pany is committed to having

40 per cent of its assets over-

seas by the end of the decade

At present, direct ownership of

overseas plant amounts to

about 16 per cent of National

In the UK, the company

aims to maintain a market

share of between 20 and 23 per

cent as more electricity is gen-

erated by other companies. In

Power assets

By CHRISTINE BUCKLEY. INDESTRIAL CORRESPONDENT

NATIONAL POWER yesterday gave warning of a sub-stantial fall in its output and disclosed a £57 million charge for its abortive attempt to buy a regional electricity company.

The country's largest generafor, which earlier this year was forced to sell off 4,000 megawaits of power stations, said that its output would fall by 20 per cent by the end of its financial year in March as the generating market becomes more competitive. Its one-off charge for the blocked move on Southem Electric cut pre-tax profits

lion. Most of the charge - E32 million — came from depreciation of a stake that National Power took in Southern Electric before the Government barred a takeover.

However, the generator had happier experiences with overseas operations, which, after some time of low delivery. have started to show profit growth. At the halfway stage. international activities contributed £23 million to profits. up from £6 million for 1995.

Keith Henry, chief executive, said that National Power's international interests were starting to deliver what they had promised. The com-

the period to September 30. tion of £70 million for the full however, its market share was

> After the veto by lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, of both National Power's bid for Southern Electric and PowerGen's bid for Midlands Electricity, National Power is resigned to a domestic market in which little growth is possible. However, Mr Henry said that talks were progressing with a couple of regional companies to join forces before 1998 and the opening of the domestic market to competition.

The interim dividend, payable on January 14, rises by 11

#### IoD rules out public support for Tories

By PHILLIP BASSETT INDUSTRIAL EDITOR

BRITAIN'S company directors want the Conservatives to win the general election, leaders of the Institute of Directors said yesterday as they launched their pre-election

business manifest But in spate of acknowledg-ing the political preference of most of its members, the IoD refused to give public support

to the Conservatives.

Ian Lang, President of the
Board of Trade, who will address the loD's annual dinner next week, believes that business should not attempt to maintain a position of political neutrality in the run-up to the election, but should fully support the Conservatives as the

party best suited to it. Tim Melville-Ross, IoD's Director-General, accepted yesterday that the institute's refusal to give support to any particular political party would disappoint Mr Lang

and other ministers. While he insisted that the loD would work with any elected government, he acknowledged that most of the institute's 37,000 companydirector members were likely to be Conservative supporters and that they would want the party to continue its post-1979 unbroken run.

Ministers are likely to be particularly annoyed that the free-market loD felt unable publicly to support the Con-servatives' re-election, particularly since its leaders acknowledge privately that most of the measures it is seeking in its business manifesto and a spe-cial version for small firms are in the main closely in line with the Conservatives' policy

Emphasising that business competitiveness is the key to Britain's future prosperity, the IoD said that the next govern-ment should maintain a stable economy, stay out of a single currency "for the foreseeable future", retain Britain's optout from the EU social chapter and resist other European social law, reject a minimum wage and continue to minimise regulations.

#### Ford drops **BDDP**

as agency By JASON NISSE

BDDP, the Anglo-French advertising group that GGT Group is buying for £105 million, has been hit by the defection of an account worth

\$50 million a year. Wells Rich Greene, the New York agency that GGT describes as the jewel in BDDP's crown, has lost the corporate advertising account for Ford, the motor group. The business, which has annual revenues of \$50 million and generates an estimated profit of \$6 million, has gone to Ogilvy & Mather, which is

part of WPP Group. The loss comes at an embarrassing time for GGT. Mike Greenlees, its chief executive, and Mark Baylis, its finance director, have been touring institutional investors drumming up backing for the BDDP merger, which will triple GGT's size.

The advertising group proposes to finance the deal through a rights issue, raising more than £55 million, and its shares have been suspended because of the size of the deal. The loss of the Ford account

will more than wipe out the benefits GGT has been promising from moving Wells Rich Greene's Manhattan offices to less expensive accommodation.

BDDP recently completed the buyout of Financial Dynamics, the UK public relations firm, in a deal which gave senior staff bonus payments of £300,000 each.

#### TOURIST RATES

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

#### OFT delays ruling on Northern Electric

THE Office of Fair Trading has delayed deciding whether a hostile takeover of Northern Electric by CE Electric, of America, should be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission. The OFT has extended its consideration period by 15 days, to December 16. Doubts over whether the takeover will be allowed arise largely from the poor credit rating of CalEnergy, the majority partner in CE Electric. Political doubts also surround both this bid and the agreed bid by Dominion Resources, of Virginia, for East Midlands

Electricity, given the proximity of a general election.

Entergy, the US utility based in New Orleans, yesterday and ended speculation that it was about to launch a bid for London Electricity, confirming that the two companies had held exploratory talks but saying that discussions had now ended. Patrick Superport a grockerman for the US utility. ended. Patrick Sweeney, a spokesman for the US utility, refused to say on what grounds the talks had failed. London Electricity offered a similarly terse response.

#### Go-ahead for Go-Ahead

GO-AHEAD, the bus and train operator, has been shortlisted to tender for the ThamesLink rail franchise through Govia, a joint venture with VIA-GTI, the multinational transport group in France. ThamesLink is regarded as one of the most lucrative franchises, carrying commuters between Brighton and Bedford via the centre of London. Go-Ahead recently won the London-Hereford Thames Trains franchise, which takes in Oxford and Gatwick. It is also the second largest private bus operator in London.

#### Network prices to fall

PRICES paid by Mercury Communications, the cable companies and other telecommunications operators for using British Telecom's network will fall by 12 per cent over last year, Oftel, the industry regulator, said yesterday. The watchdog said that the reduction "reflects the downward movement of costs in telecommunications". However analysts said that the reduction will have only a small effect on BT's income and potential savings

#### **Expansion hits Eidos**

EIDOS, the computer games developer, returned sales of £26.5 million (£26,000) in the half year to September 30, after a full six-month contribution from Centregold, which it bought for £17 million in March. However, the expansion also brought pre-tax losses to an expected £4.71 million (£364,000 loss) after much higher administration expenses and heavy redundancy costs steruming from the acquisition. Losses were 38.4p per share (0.13p loss). There is again no dividend.

#### Bunce in shares spree

MARK BUNCE, chief executive of Country Casuals, the fashion retailer, has bought 75,000 shares in the company at 680 a share, a total cost of £51,000. The move came a day after the company gave warning that its annual profits would be "materially below forecasts" after a "significant deterioration" in trading at two of its divisions since its interim results were reported on October 9. The shares fell from 100p to 64p on Tuesday, but finished up 8p, at 72p, yesterday.

#### Abbey in private bank

ABBEY NATIONAL, the former building society turned bank, yesterday launched an international private banking operation in a joint venture with Hambros Bank and Dah Sing Financial Holdings, a Hong Kong company. The DAH Private Bank will provide private banking services and investment advice to clients with liquid assets of more than El50.000. Abbey National and Hambros are to invest £6.6 million each in the new venture.

#### Tax appeals reform plea

BRITISH tax appeals involve a baffling maze of provisions that need overhauling, according to the Tax Law Review Committee. In the direct tax field, the committee believes that there must be reform to equip the appeals tribunals that self-assessment will bring. The committee's recommendations include improvements in selecting members to local tribunals in direct tax appeals and changes in the way appeals are allocated in the High Court to ensure a core of judges with tax experience.

#### Seasonal slowdown

VCI, the video, book and audio publishing group, said that the Christmas shopping season had so far been slower than last year. The company said that in the first ten months of this year trade was ahead of expectations, but since then, "the early indications are that the critical Christmas shopping season has been slower than last year to gather full momentum in the markets in which we operate". VCI added that it was still confident that its objectives for 1996 were achievable.

#### Candle firm creates jobs

Ms £45111

A £16 million investment by an American-owned candle firm is to create 260 jobs in Britain, it was announced yesterday. CCW Manufacturing will open a new factory in Barrow in Furness, Cumbria, making speciality candles for the European market. The investment, the largest by an overseas firm in Cumbria for 30 years, includes a government grant of

#### **Public Consultation**

Control of Regional Television Licences by United News & Media

The Independent Television Commission is inviting public comment on whether the continued holding of the regional Channel 3 licences for the South and South-East of England by Meridian Broadcasting Limited and for the East of England by Anglia Television Limited, which are controlled by United News & Media (UN&M), operates against the public interest. The issue arises because UN&M also controls The Express, The Express on Sunday (formerly The Sunday Express) and the Daily Star, and certain local newspapers which circulate in the East of England (Anglia TV) region.

The matters to which the ITC must have regard in reaching a determination on this issue include: the desirability of promoting plurality of ownership and diversity in sources of information, certain economic benefits specifically resulting from the merger, and the effect of the merger on the proper operation of the broadcasting and newspaper markets.

Further details are contained in a press release available from the ITC. Comments should be sent to the Secretary, ITC, 33 Foley Street, London W1P 7LB by 13 December,

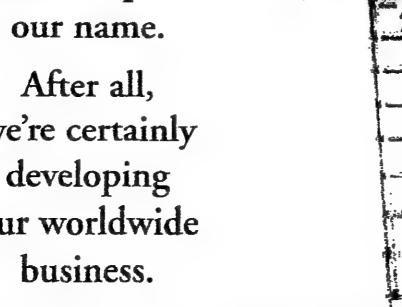




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In Hong Rong, AdaSat reported record nativesar, profits, and looked ferward to turblet growth over the full year. The £61 million relved by the disposal a merger of the operations of Mercury Group. Note: of a 10% share in AdaSit as part of the company's flotation on the New York and Hong Kong stock exchanges demonstrates our continued ability to realise value from our investments.

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FOR THE 6 MONTHS ENDED 30 SEPTEMBER 1996

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□ Robinson's no-sale strategy vindicated □ Tokyo's Big Bang could benefit investors □ Economy does not need fiscal boost

☐ IN some cases, the share price tells its own story. Granada Group's hostile takeover bid for Forte was launched a year ago tomorrow. The market took fright, as markets will when faced with the unexpected, and sent Granada's share price back from just sort of £7 to below 650p.

The fear was, rightly, that Granada would have to pay more than the £3.3 billion then offered and, quite wrongly, that Gerry Robinson would overpay, overstretch his balance sheet and end up another victim of 1980sstyle corporate ambition.

A year later the market reacted to a superb set of figures from Granada by sending the shares into reverse again — not by so much, and this time on the wild suggestion that the group would shortly be moving to take over the debt-plagued French caterer Accor. Over the previous year two more unexpected things have also happened. Granada shares have climbed by almost 40 per cent, a staggering rise for a FT-SE 100 company, and Mr Robinson, contrary to pledges made at the time of the bid, has sold only one of Forte's upmarket

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nweight.

Those promises were made to issuage the City's fears over the £4 billion of debt the Forte purchase left Granada nursing. This column suggested then that

#### Real life begins at Forte

keen to sell. Since then the market has seemingly shaken off its fear of Granada's debt, still 63.5 billion, and those properties have risen sharply in value. For example, the Hyde Park that went for £86 million this week had a book value of just £70 million. Now scale that increase up to take in the entire Exclusive business, book value at the time

of the bid £780 million. Yesterday's figures show why Mr Robinson should indeed not have been in any hurry to sell, over and above that asset appreciation. The £100 million in savings promised from Forte's business could be surpassed —
Granada is already £40 million
of the way there, ahead of
schedule. The figures show the
potential still achievable — occupancy rates for London and UK provincial hotels, at 86 and 72 per cent, are not that special, yet those hotels have achieved 29 and 19 per cent profits increases.

respectively.

The clear conclusion is that the Forte business was still being very badly run several years into the much-vaunted efficiency pro-gramme initiated by Sir Rocco

Forte. This was what the City believed, even if fund managers were publicly pilloried for selling

out to Granada.

Still to come is a profitable demerger of the TV interests, which Mr Robinson significantly did not rule out in due course - a couple of years, perhaps, always assuming the taste of the markets has not by then turned back in favour of conglomerates. The dip in the share price yesterday, accompanied by figures so far ahead of expectations, suggests the City has not yet taken into account the benefits still to come. When it does, the share price will surely rise again.

#### Japan's tiddlers overtake the whales

☐ WHICH is the world's biggest bank, in terms of assets under management? Come on, come on, no conferring. No, not the recently merged Bank of Tokyo and Mitsubishi. The biggest bank, by that measure, is the Japanese Post Office, an odd fact indicative of the chronically protected and antiquated financial



regime in 10kyo. Now we are promised Japan's Big Bang, although cynics wonder how sweeping the changes will be.

But one has already happened. From the start of this year Japanese pension funds have been allowed to buy OTC, or Over The Counter stocks the

Over The Counter, stocks, the fastest-growing sector of the moribund Japanese stock mar-ket. The OTC was set up 15 years ago as a junior exchange for smaller, fast-growth companies. Bureaucracy, and a Japanese passion for planned investment, had tended to funnel funds towards the big banks and industrial groups that make up the main stock market. Smaller companies had been deprived of capital, at least until main mar-

ket faltered in the early 1990s. Since then Japanese OTC companies have managed 7 to 8 per cent annualised earnings in-creases. While share prices have shot up, earnings multiples still compare favourably with the first-line companies. For a comparison, OTC companies sell

on 37 times' this year's earnings — relax, this is Japan, such numbers are normal here while the equivalent of our FT-SE 100 are on a multiple of 48.

Reseach by Invesco, which runs the Japan Discovery Trust specialising in smaller stocks, shows that the bottom half of the Tokyo exchange, including the OTC market, now has a quoted value bigger than the entire Hong Kong market and not far short of the Swiss stock ex-change. OTC companies by their nature tend to be in growth areas such as the service industries, telecoms, multimedia and specialist retail.

As well as the pension funds, the smaller investors are coming in - these are now 40 per cent invested in the OTC and just 20 per cent in the major stocks. If something approaching Big

Bang happens in Tokyo, this will at the least cut such investors' dealing costs and allow them to increase that weighting.

#### Warning signs, for any Chancellor

☐ THE last batch of economic figures before next Tuesday's Budget could not be sending a clearer signal to a Chancellor.

A Lawson-style pre-election give-away is the last thing this economy needs. In October, unemployment plunged, inflation jumped, retail spending continued rising, tax receipts reached bumper proportions and the money supply surged as banks and building societies found consumers and companies keen to borrow. Beware of panickers who draw comparison with the boom conditions of the late 1980s.

We are not seeing anything like that kind of overheating. But this economy is rolling along perfectly nicely without a big fiscal boost. If it were not for the prospect of an election, the idea of tax cuts wouldn't even figure. The Chancellor has long been

urging his more excitable colleagues to rely on a steady improvement in the economy to bring back the feel good factor rather than tax sweeteners.

Now, the economy is delivering in spades and tax cuts look not only cynical but increasingly dangerous. They would go down very badly with the financial markets and the price would cial markets, and the price would inevitably be paid in higher interest rates. The only way the Chancellor can stop the bandwagon for tighter money getting out of hand, sterling soaring and everyone suffering is to continue his highly effective practice of delivering political aplomb and no substance on Budget day.

#### Polls apart

☐ THE Institute for Fiscal Studies has turned up an apparent paradox: the public wants higher government spending even if this means taxes have to rise, but most people think their own tax bill is already too high. The same paradox preceded the last elec-tion, and explains why the pollsters' forecasts were so badly wrong. Try this simple experiment. Approach the man or woman in the street, clutching clipboard, and ask if they want better hospitals and schools. Then ask them, in the anonymity of the polling booth, whether they wish to pay for them.

#### C&W may cut stake in **HK Telecom**

CABLE AND WIRELESS would consider reducing its stake in Hongkong Telecom-and sees the merit in making One-2-One, the mobile phone company, part of its new cable group, Dick Brown, chief exec-

utive, said yesterday. Mr Brown, the American executive who replaced James Ross in the summer, said that determining the strategy of 58 per, cent-owned, Hongkong Telecom, C&W's biggest company, is a priority before the colony reverts to Chinese con-

Analysts have suggested that C&W may reduce its holding in Hongkong Telecom to China, the world's fastest growing telecoms market. "If done correctly, that may well make sense," Mr Brown said. It is known that regional and national Chinese tele-

phone companies are putting pressure on C&W to give them
a link with Hongkong Telecom, which has a monopoly on Hong Kong's interna-tional telephone traffic. Analysis said that C&W could appease them by selling them a stake in Hongkong Telecom.

C&W, however, wants to retain control of HongKong Telecom, which accounts for about two-thirds of the group's operating profit. The question is whether C&W would have

effective control if its holding slips below 50 per cent. Mr Brown said that C&W's

other priority is to complete the integration of Mercury Communications, which is 80 per cent owned by C&W, with Nynex, Bell CableMedia and Videotron, the three cable companies. The new group, to be called Cable and Wireless Communications, will be 53 per cent owned by C&W and is to be flowed.

Mr Brown said there are compelling reasons to make One-2-One, which is owned equally by C&W and US West, the American cable and media company, part of C&W Comons. "I've said that no wireline company on earth can do without wireless capability," he said. C&W reported a pre-tax

profit, excluding exceptional items, of £673 million in the half-year to September 30, up 9 per cent, on turnover of £2.94 billion, also up 9 per cent. The results were in line with analysts' forecasts. A 29 per cent rise in Mercury's operating profits, to £130 million. were behind the earnings rise.

Earnings per share before exceptionals were 14.3p against 13p and the interim dividend, to be paid on February 28, rises 10 per cent to 3.4p.

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#### Health firm seeks £45m to fund deal

BIOCOMPATIBLES, the fastgrowing medical materials and coatings company, plans to mise £45.5 million in a rights issue, its fourth cash call since last year, to help to fund its latest acquisition.

The four-for-23 rights issue at 500p a share brings the

amount raised since 1995, when the company was floated on the London Stock Exchange, to about £85 million. The shares, floated at 170p, closed at 602½ p. up 21½ p. Biocompatibles said that

most of the new money will be used to fund the purchase of Divysios Solutions, a Canadian company that develop stents, the devices placed in contricted blood vessels to keep them open. Biocompatibles estimates the global stent market at US\$1 billion a year.

Biocompatibles will pay Di-vysios an initial US\$14 million. Divysios will use the cash to subscribe to the rights issue.



#### Apta agrees £13m bid by Exceler

THE consolidation of the private mirsing home sector gathered pace yesterday with a £13.4 million agreed bid for Apta Healthcare by Exceler Health Care, the UK subsidiary of Sun, of America.

The combined business will rank among Britain's top five nursing home companies Apta operates 33 nursing and residential support homes with 1,294 registered beds. Exceler operates 43 homes with 2,123 beds.

Exceler is offering 17½p for each Apra share, against yesterday's unchanged stock mar-ket price of 16 p. The offer represents a 7.7 premium to the closing price on November 14, the last day before Apta announced it was in talks with a potential bidder.

The bidder has received irrevocable undertakings from directors of Apta and other investors to accept the offer in respect of 57 per cent of the ordinary shares and 26 per cent of the warrants.

In the year to April 30 Apta earned pre-tax profits of £1.5 million on turnover of £11.79 million. Net assets were £10.49 million at April 30. Since the last financial yearend Apta has acquired three homes with a total of 47 beds at a cost of £1.57 million and entered into operating leases in respect of a further three homes containing 179 beds. Sun, a US provider of long-

term and specialist care, operates 153 care homes with

about 18,700 beds.

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STOCK MARKET

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#### Railtrack shares enjoy a whistle-stop ride

A TWO-WAY pull has developed in shares of Railtrack, which has been one of the big success stories for investors among the top 100 companies so far this year.

The price enjoyed a whistlestop ride yesterday as almost 8.5 million shares changed hands. The share price climbed 23p to a new high of 344p on the back of positive comments from NatWest Securities, the broker. That compares with the 190p the shares were floated at in May after privatisation. Behind the rise has been the hidden strength of the group's property portfolio which has come to be realised since the summer.

NatWest said interim figures demonstrated that Railtrack was ahead of expectations in terms of operating performance, cost reduction, property portfolio value and cash generation. It has raised its pre-tax profits forecast for 1997 by £5 million to £305 million and for 1998 by £10 million to £340 million.

But Credit Lyonnais Laing. a rival broker, takes the view the price has run far enough and is vulnerable to the imposition of a windfall tax by a Labour government. It urges clients to switch into the water utilities which, by comparison, are undervalued and offer

Water shares were finding the going difficult yesterday with falls recorded in Anglian. <sup>o</sup>p to 567½ p. United Utilities. 412 p to 60212 p. and Wessex, 3p

Wall Street's overnight record-breaking run had only a temporary effect on London where share prices gave up an early 10.9 lead to close lower on the day. A setback for gilts un the back of some worse than expected money supply figures pulled the rug from under investors and effectively scuppered any remaining hopes they might have had that the Chancellor might peg sales also indicated that inflationary pressures were contin-

In the event, the FT-SE 100 ended 15.3 points down at 3,962.8 as total turnover reached 712 million shares.

Eurotunnel slipped another 2p to 86p, reflecting the delay in re-opening the link after this week's fire, Fears are growing that services could be disrupted for months while repairs are made. WH Smith bounced back with a rise of Hp

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Gordon Campbell, left, and Howard Evans of Courtaulds

at 4392 p. The shares were hit on Tuesday by claims that the group was about to issue a gloomy trading update.

British Energy rose 24p to 13512 p on hopes for a positive performance when the group unveils figures this morning. Brokers such as NatWest Securities are looking for pre-tax profits of E25 million. The rumoured dawn raid for Imp-

They are also confident the group can sell its chain of exclusive hotels for more than the current book value of £800 million. But the group denied plans to demerge parts of the business. Suggestions that it intended to buy Accord, the French hotel chain, were also

Forte. Brokers are now look-

ing to upgrade their profit

estimates for the full year.

The speculators were out in force yesterday driving up Sears. the Selfridges to Freemans mail order retailer. 3p to 93p as more than II million shares changed hands. The price is still below the high for the year of 104 1 p, with whispers in the Square Mile suggesting that the group is linning up another disposal.

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back some of Tuesday's fall stemming from a profits warning with a rise of 8p at 72p. Mark Bunce, chief executive, has decided to take advantage of the setback to top up his holding. He has picked up 75.000 at 68p.

Scruttons extended this week's lead with a rise of 5p to 320p. It is 21 per cent owned by Ropner Holdings, down 3p at 1182 p, which has received a bid approach from Jacobs unchanged at 71 p. As part of its on-going restructuring. Scruttons plans to float its security division on the Alter-

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October money supply figures brought the bond market's recent rally to a screeching halt and sent investors scurry ing for cover. Prices in London opened sharply lower, reflect ing similar moves by bunds after the latest rise in the German IFO business sentiment index, which effectively rules out further Bundesbank cuts in interest rates. The domestic retail sales enabled prices in London to close off the bottom, with falls stretch-

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working capital last year has been turned round and gearing is improved. At the same Frankfurt: time the operational picture is better, with Singapore: margins on the mend in acrylics and if. demand for viscose has not improved, at least Brussels the wood pulp price has stabilised. Last year's volatility in raw material prices left the fibres Paris: business looking as vulnerable as a ball of yarn in the paws of an excited kitten. Yet new problems loom: sterling could upset Zurich:

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Funding fancy fibres COURTAULDS put on a brave face yesterday and told the market to stop whispering about product that could be producing £100 million of profit at peak sales of £400 million to £500 million in five years' time. It is those sort of

mance of the rest of the business.

numbers that drive the current share rating of

19 times forecast earnings, a level that would hardly be justified by the pedestrian perfor-

To achieve this, Courtaulds needs to turn Tencel into the next Lycra but the company lacks the resources of a Du Pont. At least another £200 million needs to be invested in manufacturing, not to mention the marketing and promotion needed to create a fashion trend. While Courtaulds is right to reject a share issue, it could do with an Asian partner. A deal that would provide cash and marketing knowhow without sacrificing control of Tencel technology might be just the ticket.

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ests and pleasing Peking. One solution would be to

trade equity in HKT for

better access to the vast

Chinese market. However.

giving away too much could

damage the whole C&W

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#### C&W

DICK BROWN is shaking up Cable and Wireless. Since the summer, when the American regional phone boss was installed as chief executive, he has strengthened the company's German alliance and negotiated a merger between Mercury Communications and three leading cable companies. The intention is to create a telecoms

rights issues. The half-year figures gave some

comfort to the company. The huge outflow in

its UK cellulose export businesses, particularly

cigarette filters. And the commodity fibres.

acrylics and viscose, have yet to get back to the

levels of high cash generation the company

needs. Courtaulds is investing huge sums in

and media powerhouse. Yet his greatest challenge is still to come. Hongkong Telecom still dominates C&W, which is under pressure to come up with a strategy for its stake in the Colony's phone company before the territory reverts to China in June. The outcome will determine whether C&W becomes a key player or an also-ran in the world's fastest growing phone market. HKT is phone market. HKT

resolved, C&W's long-term growth prospects remain in the balance. C&W has to tread a narrow line between safeguard-

#### FKI

FKI has come a long way since the dog days of the early 1990s, but now it needs another big deal. Yesterday's interim results from the engineering group show margins advancing once again, up a full percentage point from the same period last year. FKI is confident that it can work the same trick on the Hawker Siddeley electric power group, recently bought from BTR. More investment in new product development

Impressive job wringing ex-tra pounds from FKI's portfo-lio of largely mature businesses. Still, there must be doubts about how more can be achieved.

This is why FKI remains ambitious to make further (and bigger) acquisitions ideally a badly managed nugget that is languishing unloved within an industrial giant. Since FKI's £137

by 1997/98. Overseas profits of that magnitude will promonths ago, the City has been expecting a big acquisi-tion. With the company val-ued at more than £1.1 billion, the El82 million Hawker

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Siddeley deal is not blg news. However, with FKI making steady progress on most fronts, the shares, up 4 p to 203p yesterday, remain good

coveted by the national and

regional phone companies in China. They need HKT's

lucrative international traffic

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#### National Power NATIONAL POWERS home turf is looking less fertile, forcing attention onto the over-

seas operations. Britain's biggest generator has, so far, little to show for its international expansion effort. However, yesterday it its faith in foreign projects has not been entirely placed. Contributions from overseas operations amounted to £23 million for the half year and are on course to de-

liver £70 million by the year

end. Furthermore, National

Power reckons that it will

more than double that figure

duce an earnings-per-share contribution of ap, against the full year's expected 2's p and the present half year's loss of 11 p.

Such profit projections are comforting. Sceptics feared that international generation projects are becoming too competitive, with prices well in excess of levels that would permit reasonable returns.

At home, the story is far more gloomy, and National Power has caused some concern with its downbeat pre-

dictions for market share.
Although the company parted with 4,000 megawatts of power station capacity earlier this year, the forecast that its output will fall by 20 per cent was much worse than expected by the market. With no obvious ways of growing the business at home, National Power must pin its hopes firmly on its overseas power stations.

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#### Cork pops for Breaky Bottom

THE new Lord Mayor of London loved the English "champagne" served at his presentation dinner so much, that he ordered another 20 cases.

Roger "Porky" Cork first tasted the home-grown sparkling wine at the Butchers Hall last month, where 60 City luminaries saw him presented formally to the Queen's representative. It hails from the curiously titled vineyard of Breaky Bottom, Lewes, where viniculturist Peter Hall has been making fine wines for 22 years.

#### Bulls and bears

A NOVEL way of predicting the future economic climate. Turn to "The Collins Bank of English", a database of current English speech and writing. Between 1989 and 1996, the words bull market occurred 2.3 times more than bear market. What's more, the bulls have shown an increase of late, with almost ten times as many references in 1995 as 1993. There has been a dramatic plunge this year, however, and Collins predicts the dip will continue. The bears have shown less severe fluctuations, and Collins sees a slight up-turn for them in 1997.

#### Water sport

MIKE WALKER, head of policy at the Water Companies Association, deprived his neighbours of stuck a nail through a supply pipe. Having bought the flat next door to his palatial pad in Prince of Wales Drive, he chose fast weekend to knock through the adjoining water six-foot long shot acrosss his new bathroom. All Walker could say was: "it's a good job we weren't



#### Cricket asset

HILL SAMUEL Asset nounce today its decision to sponsor Middlesex Cricket Club. The downside of the three-year deal, which will be worth more than £750.000. is that the team will have the Hill Samuel logo splashed across their shirts, sweaters, tracksuits, and training kit. A small price to pay, I'm sure.

#### Fitness battle

TWELVE helicopter les-sons and a £1,000 necklace are up for grabs at the Broadgate Club today as City fitness teams battle if out. Companies will compete in five disciplines: a 200 metre swim, the ten metre air pistol shoot, the 100 metres row, five kilometres of cycling and the Bucking Bronco ride. Running on the treadmill has not been included. It was feared the runners might go too fast for the machine over a short distance. Jim Fox, Olympic gold medal winner, is organising the challenge, and all the proceeds will go to the Modern Pentathion Association of Great Britain.

The Institute of Public Relations hosted a conference vesterday on "Ethical Values in Business Communications". Unbelievable? The chosen venue was The Salvation Army headquarters .

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#### City gravy train promises a Christmas bonus bonanza

Robert Miller and Jon Ashworth on the culture of high risk, high reward

ity bonuses are back with a vengeance. Between now and Christmas, thousands of already highly paid executives will be told how much more they have earned in bonus payments for 1996, after a record year for company mergers and takeovers that have collectively generat-ed fees of well above £1 billion. What distinguishes this lat-

est bout of generous bonuses for City high-flyers from previous occasions is a significant shift in emphasis from paying purely on results to the more common habit nowadays of making some part of the

remuneration package guar-anteed, regardless of results. The Mergers and Acquisi-tions (M&A) market is the most lucrative by far and generates hundreds of millions of pounds in fees - win or lose - for bankers, lawyers, public relations firms, headnumters who find the top players, and accountants. In the first nine months of this year, according to the respected Acquisitions Monthly magazine, a total of £42.6 billion was spent on 1,239 acquisi tions, compared with 1,168 acquisitions valued at £40.3 billion in 1995. Management buyouts are also on the increase, with 280 deals worth £2.3 billion recorded between January and September. On the back of these deals

the participants can now expect to earn bonuses of between 100 per cent and 200 per cent of their salaries in some cases. Last year, for example, when M&A fees were £950 million, Barings, the merchant bank that crashed with debts of £830 million and was rescued for a nominal £1 by ING, the Dutch banking and insurance group, topped the City league table on takeovers and mergers with 25 deals worth 5048 billion. These included advising Lloyds Bank on its £5.9 billion takeover of TSB Group.

The Barings success story in the M&A market was clouded by controversy, however, when it emerged that Andrew Tuckey, deputy chairman at the time of its crash, who subsequently resigned only to be taken on again as a corporate finance consultant, was in line to receive a bonusenhanced remuneration package that was worth up to £500,000. This was something of a pay cut for Mr Tuckey. who in 1993 is believed to have earned a bonus of £1.4 million, on top of his salary of £237,000, and a pension con-

tribution of £34,000.
But the real clue as to what can be earned in salary and bonuses by the top players in the corporate finance and M&A market was highlighted by two deals this year. In the first, Barclays lured the highly-rated Bill Harrison from Robert Fleming, where he was chief executive of investment banking to become a director of the bank and chief executive of BZW, the global investment banking

arm of Barclays.
In addition to a relatively modest £300,000 annual salary. Mr Harrison will be paid a





Clark: £3m court award Michael Hepher: £750,000 'windfall' from previous job

1996 guaranteed minimum bonus of £1.25 million, due at the end of next March. His guaranteed bonus for next year, payable in March 1998, is £900,000 in cash. This relates to Mr Harrison's first the Barclays Group. Further, he is to receive £600,000 of Bardays shares as part of an executive award scheme linking directors' remuneration with the performance of the group, and are made in equal tranches on the third, fourth and fifth anniversaries of the

But dwarfing Mr Harri-son's deal is last month's NatWest acquisition of J.O. Hambro Magan, the highly successful corporate finance boutique headed by George Magan. Analysts believe that

award date.

the basic £20 million price tag could eventually top £150 million after 120 staff of the combined operation were locked in by golden handcuffs". Some of the new contracts are said to be worth as much as £2 m performers.

While NatWest Markets was spending money freely the parent bank was under lire from the 40.000 NatWest Staff Federation for scrapping the present bonus system, and replacing it with a new scheme . which is in line with the drive to a more performance-related culture", said the bank. After some 20,000 staff sent "protest" cards to Derek Wanless, NatWest's chief executive, the bank did agree to delay full implementation to 1998 so that next year staff will have an

element of their bonus, worth £80 million in 1995, guaranteed, but for the last time. Employment experts say bo-

nuses play a unique role in Britain. Salaries tend to be lower and bonuses higher, in where fixed salaries are the norm. Cultural tensions were exposed by the wave of mergers involving Swiss Bank Cor-poration (SBC). Deutsche Bank and others. The Swiss and Germans demanded a move to fixed salaries on the ground that payrolls would be easier to monitor. The calls were rejected out of hand. SBC, which now owns Warburg, the London broker, recently announced that it had set aside a £70 million bonus pot to reward executives and senior traders.



Andrew Large, SIB chairman, who fears excessive rewards culture carries risks

established pattern of high risk. high reward, according to Ronnie Fox, senior partner of Fox Williams and an expert in contractual law. In the City, rewards tend to be tied closely to individual performance. Mr Fox, asked to advise on a bonus of £7 million for one City star, questioned what the recipient could possibly have done to command such a sum. The answer, he was told, was simple: the individual concerned had made the bank a

profit of £42 million. The inner practices of companies were laid uncomfortably bare in the case of John Clark, who was ousted as chief executive of BET after the takeover by Rentokil Initial earlier this year. He was subsequently awarded compensation of more than £3 million in the High Court an award influenced by the level of bonuses he had come to expect. It was ruled that he was entitled to 50 per cent bonuses over the three-year term of his contract: about £735,000. It emerged that Sir Clive Thompson, Rentokil's chief executive, had received bonuses worth as much as 70 per cent in preceding years.

Geoff Tyler, the lawyer who acted for Mr Clark, said there had been a move away from large fixed salaries towards bonuses linked more directly to performance. Mr Tyler. senior employment partner in Biddle & Co, the City law firm, said performance was becoming an important factor in the remuneration of senior executives. New features include restrictive share award schemes, in which executives are awarded the equivalent of their bonus in shares, payable at some time in the future. This gives them even more of an incentive to make the share price perform.

Credit for one of the more nusual "bonus" arrangeunusuai ments of 1996 goes to Michael Hepher, who stepped down as managing director of BT in December. Mr Hepher, newly installed as chief executive of Charterhouse, remains on BT's payroll until August 1997, earning him an additional £700,000 on top of his Charterhouse package. Charterhouse said that Mr Hepher had not received any form of "golden hello" on ie com

Noel Howell of Bifu, the banking, insurance and finance union, yesterday strongly condemned the soaring bonuses now being handed out to top City executives. He said: "The pay gap between fat cats and most ordinary staff is widening considerably. It seems that banks are paying ever larger bonuses just for some staff to stay, while some 120,000 jobs have been lost in the financial services sector since 1990. If banks want to pay bonuses [that's] fine, but it should be rewarding loyalty across the board and not just a privileged handful."

The City houses and merchant banks argue that to become top players in the markets in which they operate they have to recruit star performers. But that view is not shared by London's top regulator. Sir Andrew Large, chairman of the Securities and Investments Board, gave warning recently about the dangers of overpaying. He said: "Issues do arise about the balance between paying stars competitively in order to retain the best, on the one hand, and the risk of incentivising such people to behaviour that is harmful and can lead to serious damage, long-term, to the firm as a whole."

#### Myth behind the idea of an unfettered global economy

Anita Roddick argues that the drive to

deregulate free trade further is the

last hurrah of an outdated theory

ast week the Government published a White Paper promoting global trade, which urged the abolition of all tariff barriers by 2020. lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, called it "an idea whose time has come". I would argue that it's an idea whose time has gone.

Free trade holds much of the blame for continued international conflict. Markets are said to possess wisdom that is somehow superior to man. Those of us in business who travel in the developing world see the results of such Western wisdom, and have a rumbling disquiet about much of what our economic institutions have bought into. I'm writing from southern Mexico, where I see at first hand how destructive unrestrained economic growth can be, not just for the natural environment but also to human

development According to the theory of free trade, which I call "licentious" trade, we should all be happy the globe is rapidly becoming a playground for those who can move capital and projects quickly from place to place. It's not easy challenging the unshakeable belief

unfettered free trade but it has to be done. Is the market really "free"? Free for whom, free dom at any the price of human rights abuses paid 100

voke Adam Roddick: "licentious belief" Smith. the grandfather of the concept, who argued that for free trade to flourish it was necessary to destroy monopolles of power and create accountability in business.

But free trade as practised

has been one of the greatest

deceptions. It is the idea of business accountability whose time has come and one that is recognised by non-governmental organisations (NGOs) among the growing voices speaking out against the grand free trade deception. By globalisation they understand that human beings need to be protected. not profits. NGOs are the voice of the otherwise unrep-

resented poor.
Christian Aid recently launched its "Change The Rules" campaign, highlighting how many Third World farmers producing food for Britain's supermarkets suffer unacceptably low wages.
or work in dangerous and
degrading conditions. Supermarkets have the money. muscle and mechanisms to guarantee a better deal for Third World producers. Christian Aid supports a

Supermarket Charter for the Third World and independent monitoring of conduct. Detractors would argue that the cost to supermarkets

would simply be passed on. That's where thoughtful regulation comes in. Changing the rules is useless if the burden is simply passed on instead of shared.

We need to change the rules governing international trade. If businesses trying to improve their own ethical performance got together with organisations that understand the needs of people in poorer countries, perhaps we could all move down the same path towards positive change. Our current economic indicators are inadequate for measuring global trade's human effects: we are tethered by the tyranny of the bottom line. What about putting emotion, compassion and caring into the economic equation?

Ask yourself what "glob al" really means. Politics and commerce are not separate. Events in Rwanda and Zaire are directly linked to armaments factories and dealers' offices in the UK. It is a chain of death, in which some links are more implicated than others, and one

British ment with

its unfettered trade policy. The White Paper says: Security

cential for the free man ket to operate success fully

stability? In June 1996, Shell Nigeria's general manager said: "For a commercial company trying to make investments you need a stable environment. Dictatorships can give you that."

Malcolm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, hopes that the Government's campaign will help people to "trade that to the Ogoni people of Nigeria, a country still just in the Commonwealth that might reasonably be expected to be subject to some UK influence. The real costs of unfettered trade - environmental degradation and social unrest — are always borne by those with least economic power.
The world will be richer

if others follow Britain's lead," says Kenneth Clarke. implying that all will be fine as long as people do not interfere. The time has come for business and political leaders to stop perpetuating this deceptive myth of free trade and create economics as if people and the planet Anita Roddick is founder

of The Body Shop

#### BUSINESS LETTERS

#### Virgin survey shows BA/AA alliance should be referred

From the Chairman of the Virgin Group of Companies Sir, Once again British Airways is obviously trying to twist reality to suit the terms of its proposed merger with American Airlines.

Jon Ashworth's article about the EU probe into the proposed BA/AA monopoly (November il) mentions that market research shows that consumers favour the deal by a margin of seven to one. What nonsense.

much more difficult for a na-

Gordon Pepper

The only research that BA has carried out is among some of BA's own passengers and it has never made the questions or the results public.

Virgin, on the other hand. asked MORI to conduct an independent survey of all adults in the UK which indicated that the vast majority thought the deal should be referred to the MMC. Most consumers also felt that Virgin was right to complain and that

the deal would inevitably lead to higher prices. We made all the results public and are confident that the unbiased results are robust, which is more than one can say for BA's own passenger lobbying exercise dressed up as a market research. Yours faithfully, RICHARD BRANSON.

Chairman. Virgin Group of Companies.

11 Holland Park, WIL.

doing. This implies a deficit on **Providing funds** the capital account of the for pension needs country's balance of payments. For this to be sustained there must be a persistent sur-From Professor

plus on the current account. Sir, The advantages of a The main domestic way in which a country can fund is if country having funded penthe contributions to pension sion schemes (House of Commons Report. November 1) funds lead to a high overall should not be overstated. level of savings. This must Whereas an individual penfeed through to industrial and sion scheme can fund, it is other investment in productive assets. The result of this must, tion as a whole to do so. The in turn, be that national simplest way is to acquire forincome grows at a faster rate tien assets, as Japan has been than would otherwise be the

case. Finally workers at the time the pensions are paid must not claim the increase in income for themselves.

The UK's current account of the balance of payments, level of savings, amount of industrial investment and growth of GDP do not suggest that the nation has succeeded in funding in spite of the activities of individual pension schemes. Yours faithfully, GORDON PEPPER.

#### The rewards of loyalty to BT From Professor V. Moses

Sir, One must sympathise with Sir Iain Vallance and Sir Peter Bonfield at BT about the resentment which may arise over the inequality of their pay compared with that of their new partners at MCI (Business News, November 7). Of course the top employees

at BT should have their rewards raised to meet the Americans and to ensure their loyalty. It is indeed difficult to understand how each has hitherto managed on only \$1 million a year.

No doubt in fairness the pay of all the other BT employees will also rise to American levels - and for the same reason. One would not wish their loyalty to go unrecognised and unrewarded. This leaves the customers. Presumbably their telecommunication charges will fall to US rates. Are they not also Yours faithfully,

V. MOSES, 74 Aylestone Avenue, NW6.



#### Northern Foods counts the cost of BSE scare

By Sarah Cunningham

A GOOD performance from its prepared foods division boosted interim profits of Northern Foods, partially countering a squeeze on dairy earnings and a £3 million hit from the BSE scare.

Christopher Haskins, Northern's chairman, said: "The effect of BSE on food processing has been seriously

Lost sales because of wor-ries about BSE knocked El million off profits on convenience foods, such as chilled lasagne, and £2 million off profits on meat. "We don't see

in the six months to Septem-

The company, which owns Cardiff and Belfast

airports, attributed the re-

suits to a 47 per cent lift in

scheduled flights, a 20 per

cent rise in spending per

passenger and costs saved

Profits were also en-

hanced by a £1.65 million

surplus from the disposal of

Keith Brooks, chief execu-

tive, said that customer

spending at Belfast airport.

acquired for £100 million in

August, rose from £1.95 to

by outsourcing.

a material recovery in consumer demand. We just hope it stabilises at the current level," Mr Haskins said.

The company, a major sup-plier to Marks & Spencer, made a pre-tax profit, before exceptionals, of £57.8 million. up I per cent, in the six months to September 30.

Sales of convenience foods rose by 1.9 per cent, to £244 million, and grocery sales rose by 36.5 per cent. to £180 million. Sales of meat products fell by 7 per cent, to £115 million, and dairy sales fell by 13 per cent, to £403 million. Dairy

doorstep declined by 9 per cent, which is less than expect-TBI soars above ed, and the price of a delivered pint was increased by Ip, to around 39p, on October 1 without so far hitting sales. travel downturn Supermarket milk prices remain under pressure because of intense competition.

The dairy business contin-

ues to be affected by falling By Fraser Nelson commodity prices in the second half. Mr Haskins said. TBI, the property and, airexpected to increase further. However, he reckons that, excluding this factor. North-ern has "probably finally stabilised" its dairy profits. The company plans to end glass bottling at its Ashby The company said the commercial development of turn in air travel in the summer to more than double pre-tax profits to £9.7 million from £4.24 million Cardiff airport, acquired in

1995, was continuing successfully, with a 47 per cent increase in scheduled traffic dairy early next month, with the loss of about 20 jobs. In all, and the expenditure per passenger up 14 per cent. around 1.000 jobs have gone Gearing was down to down to 54 per cent from 94 in the past year, reducing the staff total to about 25,000. No per cent. Mr Brooks said, more major rounds of job and TB1 might possibly losses are expected.

The performance of the groceries division is flattered complete another acquisi-tion similar in size to Belfast airport. The interest charge by the inclusion of Green Isle. rose to £5.61 million from maker of Goodfella's pizzas, as a subsidiary for the whole TBI's property division again turned in strong period, compared with two months in 1995.

Earnings per share were 0.3 per cent higher, at 7.28p, and the interim dividend rises by growth, with a 26 per cent rise in its 12-month leases. Earnings rose 26 per cent to 2.56p per share. Again there is no interim dividend. 2.9 per cent, to 3.6p per share, payable on March 27. The shares closed up 2½ p, at 198p.

operating profits were down

by 27 per cent, to £22 million.

The fall in dairy sales was

partly attributable to the

disposal of some milk rounds,

but, Mr Haskins said, "profits

more than we had anticipated

as commodity prices col-

lapsed". Although world de-

mand for dairy products has weakened, and the value of

sterling has risen, milk com-

modity prices have not been

cut. This resulted in signifi-

cantly reduced margins for

Sales of milk delivered to the

of the dairy business declined



Joint effort: John McCarthy, left, and Matthew Thorne, finance director, dely the trends

#### McCarthy attacks planners

ain's largest retirement homeransom" by local planning authorities, according to John McCarthy, its chairman (Fraser Nelson writes).

Mr McCarthy said the company's growth is being held back by councillors who make expriment firmucial demands

mission, disregarding central government guidelines.
He said: The planning

committees know that many builders would sooner meet their demands than risk 18month delays to construction. But we are being asked to provide extra funds for playgrounds and bicycle routes. Our residents don't use play-grounds and don't ride bikes, and we are refusing to pay on

The housebuilder has 19 ases subject to an inquiry, and expects more to follow: from 7.2p. The total dividend rising rapidly, up 33.69 per Mr McCarthy said so far it is increased to 2.3p (2p), with a has won 97 per cent of its cases 1.75p final, due January 20.44 Although there is fittle.

£25,000 for each case. McCarthy & Stone defied the trends in the housing

sector by increasing both mar-gins and volume sales in the year to August 31, when pretax profits rose 19 per cent to Eli million. It sold 906 homes, compared with 858, and lifted gross margin to 35 per cent (33 per cent). However, the value of sales fell by 8 per cent to £61 million, reflecting a higher proportion of one-person homes. A higher tax charge clipped earnings to 7p a share

#### UK car output accelerates to record October total

By Kevin Eason, motoring editor

cheer at home, with output for

domestic consumption down 4.52 per cent, production for

overseas was ahead a healthy

However, that was not enough to turn round the lack

of growth in the commercial.

lorries and buses in the first

ten months of the year was

199,960, 0.43 per cent down on

the January to October figure

European

slowdown

is sapping

for Wagon

pean markets sapped prof-

ts at Wagon Industrial in

the six months to September 30, as the car parts and

store fittings group suf-fered a 13 per cent pre-tax profits fall to £11.1 million.

John Hudson, chief ex-

ecutive, said government

policy discouraging super-

markets to open out-of-town branches had caused

a bull in demand for retail

equipment. He expects a

recovery next year as supermarkets refurbish

The pan-European stor-age business saw a decline

it both sales and profits, in

spite of having added a £500,000 marketing team in Germany. Mr Hudson said that the team was now

trained, and prepared for a

old stores.

Total production of varis,

147.17 per cent.

vehicle market.

PRODUCTION of cars British motor industry showed signs that its recov-

ery is gathering pace. Output increased 39.3 per cent last month to 179,963 the highest October total on

Although the surge was underprined by demand at home — up 22.79 per cent to 74:771 - exports provided the huge boost to British

Production for sales over seas rose 54.02 per cent to 105,192 as orders for new models such as the Coventry-made Jaguar XKS and Ford's latest Fiesta, which is made at Dagenham in Es-sex, were fulfilled and Japa-nese manufacturers in the UK — Toyota, Honda and Nissan — continued to in-crease their shipments to

Output in the year so far was up to 1,407,515; an increase of 10.02 per cent over the January to October period of last year, underlining evidence that the British motor industry is thriving. Even with domestic sales

stagnant, carmakers have been finding more and more sales overseas. Jaguar, for example, enoyed a record October, with sales of 4,385 cars, boosted

mainly by the launch of the XK8 sports models. Sales of saloons and sports cars in the US reached a sen-year high, while sales around the world

also reached monthly records as the first XK8 models were delivered. Ernie Thompson, the chief executive of the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders, said yesterday: These outstanding produc-

motor industry in Britain. Meanwhile, production of commercial vehicles is also

recovery.

Earnings were 13.5p a tion figures demonstrate yet The interim dividend, due on February 20, is held at

Greenway loss

Greenway Holdings, the lubricants and recycled fuels company, incurred a pre-tax loss of £80,000 in the half year to the September 30, compared with profits of £564,000 in the first half of the previous year. There was a delay in the recovery of fuel oil sales to the power generation sector, leaving sales volume some two million gailous below expectations. The interim is maintained at 0.5p. Directors expect a return to profitability for the financial

CML shrinks

Pre-tax -profits at CML Microsystems, the distrib-utor of electronic equipment, fell to £117,000 from £725,000 in the six months to September 30. Earnings shrunk to 1.35p a share (3.38p). Again there is no interim dividend. The company has net cash of £8.04 million.

#### Courtaulds fears effect of strong pound on exports

BY CARL MORITSHED

COURTAULDS said yesterday that the strong pound could hurt its export business. The chemicals group reported a decline in pre-tax profits for the half year after difficult markets for acrylic and vis-

Gordon Campbell, chief executive, said he expected margins to remain poor in viscose and said that the strength of sterling was unheipful. He said that Courtaulds

exported goods worth £218 million from the UK in the half year to September and he indicated that the dollar ex-

**Century Inns** cheered by

profits growth STRONG growth in its managed pubs division helped Century Inns, the indepen-

dent pub group based in the North East and Yorkshire, to a 23 per cent increase, to £7.1 million, in full-year profits. Overall turnover for the year to September 30 increased 13 per cent, to £24 million. During the year, Cen-tury invested £7 million in the estate and added 28 new outlets, including 18 purchased from Tom Cobleigh for £25 million in April. The maiden final dividend of 4.5p

is payable on January 21.

"We are sitting on a UK manufacturing base with a large part of sales going out of the UK. As for all such businesses, stronger sterling makes us less competitive."

In the half-year to Septem-

ber, pre-tax profits fell from -668 million to 664 million. Operating profits from continuing businesses were up 7 per cent to £80 million and Courtaulds' Tencel business went into profit for the first time. Sales of the new fibre were double those of a year ago and the company expects a new Tencel manufacturing plant in Grimsby, South

sioned by the end of next year. Courtaulds is looking for-ward to strong growth in aerospace sealants because of a surge in civil aircraft orders. Coatings and scalants contributed £42 million (£41 million) in operating profits in the half year while polymer products rose from £10 million to £12 million. The fibres business grew 12 per cent to E27 million Courtaulds is increasing the half-year dividend from 4.3p to 4.45p after earnings of 10.6p

(11.3p).

Humberside, to be commis-

Tempus, page 30



#### No sign of motor rate upturn

BY MARIANNE CURPHEY INSURANCE CORRESPONDENT

MOTOR insurance rates could stay low until March next year as competing insurers play a game of brinkmanship with one another, it was claimed

AA Insurance, which has a panel of 30 insurers, and CE Heath, the international broker, both said yesterday that there was little sign of the uptorn in rates which the industry had been hoping for.

The AA said a rise in personal motor premiums was unlikely until the first quarter of next year, while Heath said it was impossible to predict when the

some direct insurers, have been trying to raise rates in order to stem underwriting losses. It is a game of brinkmanship and the first to raise rates loses business to rivals," a spokeswoman for the AA said.

Insurers are also worried at the prospect that the Chancellor may decide to more than double insurance premium tax from 2.5 per cent to 5 or 6 per cent in next week's Budget. This would be effective from April, just as rates are predicted to start rising.

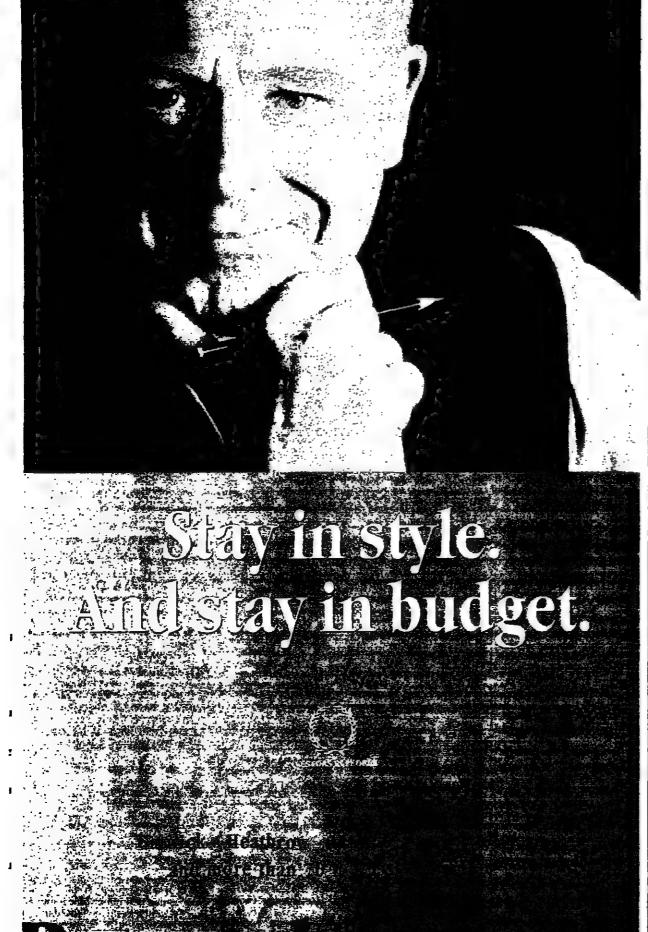
CE Heath's comments came as the broker announced interim profits before broker sunounced all lieurs had almost even by next March.

upturn in the cycle would begin. A halved to £3.4 million (£6.4 million). After exceptional items the interior profit area. exceptional items the interim profit was E4.6 million, up from £10.3 million:

Earnings per share were down from 4p to 3.1p, but last year's figure was higher because it included profits from computer services, now floated off as a separate company, and underwriting, which is no

longer part of the group.

In the six months to September 30 overall brokerage rose 9 per cent and underlying UK expenses fell 3 per cent. Premium Search; the broker's telephone sales operation, reduced its operating loss from £2.2 million to £700,000 million over the six months and is expected to break



ntas sec estment

strongly, to £151.6 million.

helped by a recovery in de-

American door and window

sion, which includes convey-

E17.1 million in spite of sales

slipping back to £130.8 mil-lion. FKI said that it had

received fewer orders from the

UK coal industry and from the

US scrap paper business. In spite of difficult trading

conditions, profits from the

engineering division rose by 18

per cent, to £6.5 million, on

The automotive division,

which makes cabling for car

manufacturers, was the only

division to record a fall in

profits, making £4.7 million, down from £5.3 million last

year. Mr Whalley said that the division had seen a big rise in

orders, but that this had yet to show through because of costs

of buying new equipment and

FKI, which earns most of its.

money outside the UK, has re-

organised its overseas businesses to allow it to pay its first

foreign income dividend, of

3.lp a share. This compares.

with last year's net interim dividend of 2.20, which was

equivalent to 2.75p when the

investment from overseas

tax credit was included.

recruiting new staff.

sales of E80.5 million.

The material handling divi-

hardware business.

FKI, the engineering group that recently bought the Hawker Siddeley electric pow-er business from BTR, yester-

day reported a 30 per cent

improvement in its first-half

FK1 plans a substantial reorganisation to improve profits of the Hawker Siddeley

business, including the pos-sible closure of its loss-making

overseas operations. Bob Beeston, FKI's chief executive.

said that it was too early to

estimate the cost of the

Jeff Whalley, chairman, said that FKI had strength-

ened the management of the engineering division, under its

chairman, James Beckett To-

gether with its other recent

purchase, the Italian firm of

Marelli Motori, the El82 mil-

lion Hawker Siddeley deal has

made the engineering division

the deals had not dulled FKI's

appetite for further acquisi-

tions, even though borrowings now represent about 65 per

cent of the E382 million of.

shareholders' funds. He add-

ed: "We are in discussions

most of the time. We hope to

be able to make some progress in the next six months." The

next purchase is unlikely to be

The profits improvement in

the six months to September

30 was led by FKI's hardware

division, whose operating profits rose from £18.5 million

to £25.1 million. Sales grew

Mr Whalley made clear that

FKI's largest business.

restructuring.

profits, to £51.4 million.

FKI plans revamp to improve

profits at Hawker Siddeley

e# 1.

OANTAS, the Australian airline in which British Airways has a 25 per cent interest, is exploring ways to increase the

> availability of its shares to foreign investors. The move is an attempt to improve the performance of the share price, Gary Pemberton, chairman, said

nual meeting that while de-

languished around the A\$2 Mr Pemberton told the an-

esterday. The shares have

which are limited to holding

been strong.

-He said: "Clearly it raises the issue again of foreign ownership and the problems of limited availability and liquidity of stock for major foreign investors. We have (95p) mark since flotation at done a lot of work on this domestic and international in-

FROM RACHEL BRIDGE IN SYDNEY vestors." Mr Pemberton hopes mand from Australian instituto develop a solution by next tions had weakened, demand from overseas institutions, August. However, he insisted that

Oantas would not be creating 49 per cent of the stock, had separate classes of shares for domestic and foreign investors, saying: "In a two-class system, foreign shares would sell at a premium, domestic shares would be insulated from overseas price competi-



CHUBB Security made a fur-

ther foray into the Australian

market yesterday with the

acquisition of the fire-protec-

tion arm of James Hardie Industries, the building mate-

rials group, for A\$220 million

The acquisition follows

Chubb's purchase of James

Hardie's Australian security

monitoring and manpower

(Elio million).

#### **Losses of** £20.8m at **Brunel Holdings**

BRUNEL Holdings, the engineering group previously known as BM Group, incurred pre-tax losses of E20.86 million in the year to the end of June after a £23.4 million charge against the disposal of discontinued businesses.

But with operating profits from continuing businesses holding steady at £8.3 million, compared with £8.8 million, the company is maintaining the annual dividend at 0.5p a share, payable from adjusted earnings of 1.3p a share.

In the previous year pre-tax profits were E17 million and arnings were 13.7p a share. Turnover increased 29 per

cent to £151 million. Analysts were encouraged to see increased sales figures, but were sceptical that the company had fully succeeded in shaking off the aftermath of its acquisition of Blackwood Hodge in 1991.

Brunel has settled for an undisclosed sum a lengthy and expensive legal dispute with Hambros Bank, which advised on the acquisition.

Cliff Walker, Brunel chief executive, said: "We're now almost at a situation where we have reasonably focused businesses operating at a profit."

He added that Brunel's immediate objectives were low-debt, lower-geared businesses that were largely ex-

port-oriented. Group borrowings dropped over the year to £27.8 million, compared with £32.7 million

as James Hardie Building

Services, manufactures, dis-

tributes and installs fire-pro-

tection and safety equipment in Australia and New Zea-

land. In the year to March 1996 it achieved a pre-tax profit of A\$5.9 million on sales

of about A\$242 million. It has

total net assets of A\$75 million

and employs about 1.700

Only last month James lardie said that profits for the

The business being bought current year to March 1997

#### BUSINESS ROUNDUP

#### **Bradford Property** jumps to £14.2m

BRADFORD PROPERTY TRUST, the owner of tenated residential property, achieved a 21 per cent increase in pre-tax profits to £14.2 million in the six months to October 5. Gross rental income rose 26 per cent to £15 million and revenues from property sales was up 45 per cent to £13.8 million. The company is increasing the interim dividend by 8.6 per cent to 3.8p a share, payable from earnings that rose to 6.46p a share

from 5.4p. The shares rose 4p to 2422p.

Philip Warner, chairman, said housing activity had improved during the summer and autumn, and vacant possession values were rising. The recovery had been sustained but regional variations remained, with some areas experiencing no signs of growth. The company spent £6.1 million on residential properties. It also acquired office property in Epsom, Surrey, for £2.5 million and took a 9.76 per cent interest in Mountview Estates, a residential property company, for £5.9 million.

#### Southnews advances

ORGANIC growth and an acquisition helped Southnews, the local newspaper publisher, to increase pre-tax profit 36 per cent to £2.68 million, from £1.97 million, in the six months to September 28. Turnover rose 39 per cent to a record £18.4 million, from £13.2 million. Although much of this growth arose from the inclusion of the Croydon Advertiser Group for the first time, the underlying growth rate was 12 per cent. An interim dividend of 2.25p a share (1.76p) will be paid on January 10.

#### Birkdale back in black

BIRKDALE GROUP, the marketing services company returned to profit in the half-year to the end of September, earning £241,000 before tax, compared with a £1.15 million loss. Earnings were 0.2p a share, against losses of 1.2p. There is again no dividend. The company has strengthened and balance sheet, raising £2.5 million through a placing and open offer and now enjoys a positive operating cash flow. Turnover was £6 million (£6.9 million).

#### Kalamazoo up 16%

KALAMAZOO COMPUTER GROUP, the supplier of specialist computer solutions and printer of security and business forms, earned pre-tax profits of £2.3 million in the half-year to the end of September, up 16 per cent from £2 million previously. The interim dividend is 9 per cent higher at 1.2p, payable from earnings that rose to 3.72p a share (3.66p). At the operating level profits improved to £2.5 million from £1.6 million.

#### **Record for Sterling**

STERLING INDUSTRIES, the precision hydraulic and thermal process engineering company, achieved record interim pre-tax profits of £5 million in the six months to the end of September, a 29 per cent rise on the first half of the previous year. Earnings increased to 10.73p a share from 9.56p. The interim dividend is lifted to 3.2p a share from 2.8p. The company ended the first half with net cash

#### Tinsley raises interim

TINSLEY ROBOR, the supplier of printed packaging for the music and multimedia industries, has raised its interim dividend 20 per cent, to 0.9p a share, after a 19 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £1.8 million in the six months to September 30. But the effect of June's rights issue meant earnings were little changed at 3.9p a share, compared with 3.7p. Turnover was 17 per cent higher, at \$24.9 million. Shaun Lawson, chairman, said the second half had started encouragingly.

#### tion and there would effectbusiness last December and the views of a cross section of from domestic to foreign business of Mayne Nickless for A\$41 million in May.

#### Ruling is a reason to cheer

The European Court of Justice

deserves praise for its verdicts

on VAT, says Richard Watson

t is not often that the boardrooms of Britain ring to the praises of the European Court of Justice, especially just now. But last month it did more to reduce the value-added tax burden on British industry than the Chancellor will probably do in next week's Budget.

VAT is essentially a European tax, so British VAT legislation is subject to review by the European Court Two companies, Elida Gibbs, which is a subsidiary of Unilever, and Argos have been fighting their corner for several years and eventually reached the European Court, which overruled not only previous UK court decisions, but also the opinion.

of its own Advocate General.
The fundamental arguments in both cases concerned a point of principle: whether the tax charged should relate to the amount of each received. At first glance the answer would seem to be obvious, but, the fact that it has taken 23 years to sort these issues out suggests that in VAT terms it was certainly not

Apart from this common principle, the two cases are different. The Elida Gibbs case concerned money-off coupons issued by a manufacturer, distributed to consumers entitling them to a discount on buying a product from a retailer. The retailer accounts for VAT only on the discounted amount, but sends the coupon to the manufacturer for redemption. On redeeming the coupon, it acc-Customs would thus receive

the full amount of VAT. The manufacturer would have received the original price paid by the retailer, plus VAT; but less the amount that it paid to redeem the coupon. Because that latter amount was regarded as tax-inclusive, it would have paid a larger amount of VAT than it should have done in relation to the amount of cash received.

The European Court said this was wrong - the payment by the manufactorer to the re-tailer was in effect a retrospec-tive discount on the original supply of the goods to the retailer. The manufacturer should thus reduce its VAT bill by the VAT in the amount paid to the retailer - whether or not the sale is direct or through a

This is good news for manufacturers. They will be relieved of a burden of VAT that they should never have borne and will be able to reclaim at least

ALL AND BEEN E SALE



Richard Watson says the issues have taken 23 years to resolve

three years' worth of that Argos, is different and perhaps additional VAT. Had it not so wide reaching. Argos sells vouchers that can be announcement of a three-year limit on refunds, they would (records permitting) have been back to the start of the tax. The second case, that of

redeemed at face value in its stores. Sometimes it sells these vouchers at a discount to employers, which then give them to their employees. When the employee goes to the Argos receives the face value, but Argos has received only the discounted amount. It not unreasonably argued that, on that basis, it should account for VAT only on the lower amount. Again, the European Court

the Australian market

FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT IN SYDNEY

David Peacock, Chubb's chief

executive, said this latest ac-

quisition would establish the

group as a leading provider of

fire-protection products and

services in the Asia-Pacific region and substantially de-

velop its position in access

Even before this acquisition

Chubb's operations in Austra-

lia and New Zealand account-

ed for almost a quarter of its

by Chubb, known at present

ACCOUNTANCY

These two cases highlight three separate points. The first is that the European Court is the ultimate arbiter of VAT legislation. The second is that VAT should be charged on the amount of cash received by the supplier, even when that amount is reduced by subsequent events.

Finally, these two cases highlight the inequity of the Government's new three-year rule. Both manufacturers that issue coupons and retailers on the same lines as Argos have suffered over the years from a burden of taxation that should not have occurred.

Customs and Excise has estimated the revenue loss from these two cases at £70 million for three years, but this is a notoriously difficult area to estimate. Without the threeyear limit, the total payout could approach £500 million. Either way, it is good news

for industry and reinforces the fact that VAT is a tax on consumer expenditure, not a tax on business. So, for once, let us hear it for the European Court of Justice.

Richard Watson is head of VAT at Price Waterhouse

sense approach. The Royal

Family's popularity ratings

#### will rise again soon.

countancy as a family-friendly profession," she said.

#### Technology will give tax system more logic

ROBIN COOKE-HURLE is one of the brightest minds in the tax business. And in some ways he is doing more to simplify tax than any number of committees attempting to rewrite the basic legislation. He runs Taxsoft, which as you might expect, produces innovative tax

This week, days before the Budget, is when people wonder again quite what we can do about the tax system. Cooke-Hurle thinks along those lines. But his prognosis, which we will come to later, is very different to most.

One of the noisiest broadsides against the tax system has just been published by Ernst & Young, which is building quite a reputation for coming up with perceptive views and then expressing them in a pretty unequivocal manner. This latest, Heaven Can Wait — but taxpayers can't, covers the reform of taxation of employees.

It traces the development of such taxes. "In

the beginning," it says, "there was a simple tax, expressed in straightforward language.

Now it is far from simple. It is no longer a tax on profits from employment. It is a chaotic scrap heap of arbi-trary rules piled higgledy-piggledy on top of each other, as successive legislators have contributed ad hoc solutions to real or perceived problems at the margin, un-til the overall structure has become no structure at all. Just an ever-growing mass of muddle and obscurity.

That is the current situation, succinctly put. But the tax system is not just out of cultural step with a simpler business society. It lags far behind in terms of the way people work and the technology of everyday business life.

As another part of Ernst & Young's excellent pamphlet says: "While management gurus and the human resources specialists tell us about the need for flexible remuneration packages, and semidetached working arrangements, the tax system has only just caught up with the notion that these days most people don't commute on horseback. The system of taxation of employment income," it says, "has become hopelessly outmoded and bureaucratic. The introduction of self-assessment will exacerbate the situation."

That also is true. At Somerset House this week the Inland Revenue ran a brief presentation on the next steps in the self-assessment saga. Officials were emollient and charming. They emphasised again and again that they were leaning over backwards to get the system running as smoothly as a fundamental change in the method of taxing just under a quarter of taxpayers in the country can be. The Revenue is doing a good job on self-assessment. The problem is that it is the wrong form of tax system.

All the chaos of the tax system will in future be collated and reorganised. This will not be done by tax simplification committees or even by the Inland Revenue. The forces for change will simply be technology and business methods.

One evening this year. Robin Cook-Hurle was walking through the City with a couple of friends after a traditional City dinner in one of the livery halls. And as they found themselves walking past numerous other livery halls a thought struck them. All of these mighty halls had been built by businesses which were subsequently destroyed by tech-nology. The same will also be true of the tax business. In part, last week's report from the

English ICA on where the profession will be in the year 2005 covered this point. "We believe that tax compliance services have some limited scope for expansion," it said.
"But we also believe that tax compliance will be an unattractive area for many practitioners — except possibly as a semi-detached adjunct to the main practice of those able to exploit technology to handle high volumes profitably." Tax planning and high-level expert advice will continue to be a growth area. The basic compliance work within tax will be computerised and only the advice side of the business will be left. A few clever advisers will eval-

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uate the possibilities. Tax

strategy is aiready moving to the centre of businesses rather than being the province of backroom specialists. But, as Cooke-Hurle tends to point out.

computer systems are unforgiving. This is where the way in which compliance work is done will drive the revolution in the tax system. "Total logic forces out and exposes the flaws in the legislation."

This is where the Holy Grail of tax simplification lies. Legislation will not be able to be enacted if it is too complex and too flawed in the future. Once the tax compliance system is run by technology, the changes that a Chan-cellor traditionally makes as a result of the Budget and the subsequent Finance Bill will have to conform to a logical system at last.

#### All for the sake of a brand

THE business of valuing brands has always been an. embarrassment to fastidious accountants. Johnnie Walker whisky, as Sir David Tweedie of the Accounting Standards Board is fond of telling us, has been around for longer than the United States of America. But the idea of sticking brands in balance sheets and then trying to assess an annual increase or decrease in their value has always proved 2 thorny problem. The Institute

ing has just produced a review of current practice written by David Haigh. And in an appendix he quotes some recent American examples. In percentage changes to their deemed value the brand of Remy Martin has fallen 24 per cent in the year, while Johnnie Walker Red Label rose 4 per cent. Gilbey's gin fell 20 per cent.

while its stablemate, Bombay

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game of Scrabble rose 5 per cent, while Trivial Pursuit fell 5 per cent. It is small wonder that brand valuation is a game that accountants would rather leave alone.

#### Royal saviour

THE Royal Family is saved. The iron discipline of past eras is to be brought to bear. Phyllida Dare is to take on the administrative duties in Gin. rose 40 per cent. The the Prince of Wales's office

out by the famous Tiggy Legge-Bourke. What, you may ask, is this news doing in an accountancy diary column? Simple. Dare's father was the legendary Lord Benson. He built the firm of Coopers into the mighty business it is today. He was a line president of the English ICA. And he brought the idea of accounting standards to fruition. And he did it all with the utmost of strong leadership and a stern no-non-

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Graham's way

TERESA GRAHAM, of Baker Tilly, has made her way to the fore at Workplace 2000 - the English ICA's project that provides help on workplace issues. Graham has become chairman and has some revolutionary ideas. "I am planning to look at the promotion of chartered ac-

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1925 Phantom

of the Opera

girls blanch and scuttle away. Stagehands brick wall. The word spreads quickly: The Phantom is up

from the cellars again!" These days Erik, the phantom of the opera, never seems night the misshapen creature prowls the world's theatres in novel. And now Lon Chaney comes back to haunt us, courtesy of Universal's silent

At the Festival Hall tomor row, as part of the London Film Festival, a newly restored version from Channel 4 and Photoplay Productions will be unveiled, with an orchestral eccompaniment composed and conducted by Carl Davis. One American trade review-

er considered Universal's production "probably the great inducement to nightmare that has yet been screened". Seventy years on, tomorrow's audience will probably enjoy a restful night after the screening. Even the celebrated descent of the chandelier looks

But several sequences still produce a genuine frisson. The masked ball, originally abot in restored with the aid of surviv-Interior set of the Paris Opera. Suddenly, down the Grand Stairway, the phantom app-ears as the Red Death, his face a hideous grinning skull.

Another moment transpires on the opera house roof, when the phantom's scarlet cloak whirls around the night sky: a sequence originally tinted by an obscure process named Handschiegl, and recreated to

The third occurs when the phantom lures his soprano protégèe Christine sepulcitral chambers below. Up to now, Chaney's features have been half-hidden. swathed in a cloak, or ob-



Lon Chancy, the man of a thousand facer, as the phantom in the 1925 film version

tears away the mast

The camera takes the audience's viewpoint and we see skewered nose, distended nostriks, craggy teeth, hollow eyes, hollower cheeks with cheekbones almost poking through the wizened skin. Then the phantom turns round and Christine sees the horror.

No other film version makes the phantom's unmasking so memorable. None has created a phantom capable, against the odds, of touching your heart. For this, Chaney must take most of the credit. He has a clear talent for pantomime, and an ability to humanise the most deformed creatures.

Gaston Leroux - detective novelist, journalist and inveterate traveller - needs saluting too, for creating a tale that . survives the years no matter what havoc adaptors wreak. in the original novel of 1910. Erik was a circus freak who had helped build the Paris Opera; in Chaney's version, he Universal remake he is a bitter

he setting balances the realistic with the funtastic. Beneath the of the Paris Opera lurk unsus-pected lakes, silhouettes that give you the shivers, and a phantom hideaway festooned with plush drapery and the odd open coffin. This dream world, built to designs by Ben Opera, unwittingly created a

Rupert Julian, the director of the 1925 version, was a prominence when he stepped in to finish Erich von in 1923. He celebrated his rise to fame by adopting Stroheim's vices: acting autecratic, and shooting endless retakes. After a disastrous preview, the

Phantom that followed.

cutting and re-shooting, with a Sedgwick, at the helm.

The film was overhauled in screams. A silent reissue was also prepared, and it is this today in the best condition and forms the basis for the Photoplay restoration. Moves are now afoot in America to restore the original 1925 re-

-complete on 16mm. There are other Phantoms floating around. In 1993, shortly before he died, the composer Roy Budd completed a restoration blessed with a succulent score but cursed sion is now planned for issue on CD and video. It's obvious that the Phantom will haunt

The Phantom of the Opera, with Carl Davis conducting the Live Cinema Orchestra, will be per-formed at the Festival Hall tomorrose at 7.30pm (0171-960 4242)

CONCERTS: The Kronos off-key; authentic Romantics; veteran triumph

#### Howl but little heart

THE American Independents festival came to a conclusion at the Festival Hall with the Kronos Quartet, who more than qualify as American independents. But like some of their adopted composers, they can be better on big ideas than on

It was unfortunate that they followed the Arditti Quartet last week. By comparison, the Kronos sounded colourless. Their flat, clean articulation, so apt for Minimalist epic and ethnic experiment, made

ing was poor.
A big idea lay behind Lee Hyla's Howl, music written alongside a moto perpetuo recitation of Allen Ginsberg's

a solemn comedy of ives's

student Quartet; even the tun-



The Kronos Quartet: misfiring ed Howl to be an "emotional time bomb that would continue exploding", then its shockwaves are long gone. In sheer volume the words overwhelmed Hyla's music, little of which drew on the speech rhythms or intonations. Nevertheless, its delicate inven-

hearing.
The Kronos excel in works which require the cool poise of ritual. Aural ritual became visual theaire in the stunning stag-ing of George Crumb's Black Angels, designed by Larry Neff. Economy of means characterises means characterises Crumb's fearful masterpiece, inspired by the Vietnam War: screeches of "electric insect" music. a muted fragment from Schubert's Death and the

Maiden; the unearthly rasp of a bowed tam-tam; a human voice counting. The staging echoed this restraint. This sonic journey to war has not dated, and Crumb himself was clearly moved by the performance.

HELEN WALLACE

#### Veteran vocal agility

TERESA BERGANZA may be nearing the end of her career, but one wouldn't have known it from the recital she gave to a packed Wigmore Hall. Her tone remains velvety and smooth, and the vocal agility is still there.

Of course, the great Spanish mezzo-soprano knows how to manage her voice. She saved all the risks for the end of the evening. In five generous encores she displayed her celebrated strengths, notably in Rossini's Cruda sortel, sung with commanding ease. Her Habanera from Čarmen had light, laughing seductiveness, and she disclosed more of her wit in the tipsy Ah, quel diner! from La Périchole.

The programme began with an account of Haydn's Arianna a Naxos that came across like a noble operatic scena. Six Rossini songs came next. The early Se il vuol la mulinara had simple charm, the lines of Addio di Rossini were smooth and seamless, and the Arietta alla espagnuola rounded off the group

with cascading brilliance. After the interval Berganza brought soft radiance to Faurès Clair de lune and elegance to his Mandolin. She caught the heartache in Hahn's D'une prison, and conjured up each vivid image in his Paysage. Each miniature in Falla's Seven Spanish Popular Songs was strongly-characterised. The final Polo had Moorish fire, and it was aspecial treat to hear Berganza sing in her native tongue.

JOHN ALLISON

#### Colossus at the keyboard

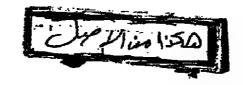
ALEXEI LUBIMOV is one of the more remarkable figures to bestride the old and new Russia. A leprechaun of a man, he is a Colossus of a musician. The virtuosity of his fingers is testament to his being one of the last piano pupils of the great Heinrich Neuhaus who taught Sviatoslav Richter. Yet Lubirnov also gave the Moscow premiere of works by John Cage in 1968 and, in the years when he was denied permission to perform outside the Soviet Union, he studied and pioneered period keyboard performance.

It was as a forteplanist that he appeared at the Queen Elizabeth Hall with the Orchestra of the Age of Enlightenment and Roger Norrington in Berthoven's Piano Concerto No 1 in C. Using one of Olga Tverskaya's instruments, a copy of a Viennese 1823 Brodmann fortepiano, Lubimov drew back his first solo entry into a limpid, romantic reflection.

A highly stylised and idiomatic rubato gave sustaining power to the slow movement, and was an eloquent partner to the full-throated song of Antony Pay's solo clarinet. Under Norrington, the movement was nearer an andante than a largo, so the finale had to be no less than a presto. To the credit of every player, it retained its scherzando character even at speed.

framed by Mendelssohn: first a marvellously aquaeous clarinet-led Melusine overture, then the Scottish Symphony. Taking scarcely a breath between movements, Norrington performed the work rather as a suite of Highland dances. The slow movement made

its effect by the plangency of its minimal string vibrato and the austerity of its woodwind chording. The bassoons and natural horns were pushed excitingly to their limits in a finale whose bagpipe boisterourness caused much amusement within the orchestra and delight in the auditorium.





NEW FILMS Kansas City offers jazz, sleaze and kidnapping, but

the cocktail is

Robert Altman

not vintage



■ NEW FILMS

.. whereas the comedy thriller Mr Reliable displays the cream of the new Aussie talent



NEW FILMS

David Mamet's American Buffalo receives big-screen intensity from a cast led by **Dustin Hoffman** 



NEW FILMS

. while in The Sunchaser Michael Cimino turns a road movie into pretentious social commentary

CINEMA: The jazz running through Robert Altman's Kansas City fails to lift the spirits, says Geoff Brown

# Sour smell of jam and corruption

ome on, boys, let's hear some music! So says Har-Belafonte's Seldom Seen, gangster lord of the Hey Hey Club, the Depression-era hotbed of jazz in Robert Altman's Kansas City. And so we do. Jazz musicians jam all night, and lock horns in duels. Modern representations of Lester Young and Coleman Hawkins battle with their saxophones, while young Charlie Parker looks on from the balcony. The camera swerves from player to olayer. Our feet tap. It's hard not to

feel exhilarated. Yet Robert Altman's problematic new film, financed by the French company CIBY 2000, is far from being a festive salute to the music the director knew as a child in Kansas City, his home town. The jazz sessions serve as interludes in a sour portrait of corruption, political and social: the American dream turned into a nightmare. The year is 1934; the time, just before national elections. A kidnapping is in progress. Blondie O'Hara, a telegraph operator who has seen too many Jean Harlow movies. aims a gun and captures socialite Carolyn Stilton, the laudanumdrenched wife of a Roosevelt aide. Her goal? The release of her worthless husband Johnny, a twobit hood currently being tortured by Belaforne.

Sounds interesting? Think again. Blondie is played by Jennifer Jason Leigh, who has delved into her bag of mannerisms to come up with a new squawk and grimaces galore. She makes the character tiresome; though Altman's wayward script, co-written with his Short Cuts colleague Frank Barhydt, scarcely helps Blondie's mission by erasing background details and rendering her husband so colourless. But there is some good news. Blondie kidnaps Miranda Richardson, a sensible actress fully alert to the comic potential of a socialite dragged over town, befuddled by drugs. Belaionte is absorbing too, swathing his gangster in a chilling version of the easy charm once lavished on such songs as Mary's

edge towards friendship, and jazz riffs spiral into the smoky air, Altman fills the gaps in between with mob thuggery, some of it perpetrated by Steve Buscerni as he pads out the voters with cartloads of drunks and homs. Altman has described the entire film as imbued with jazz, the actors, he says, do riffs as much as the musicians, as their talk wanders from the plot. But we associate jazz with vitality: iam sessions aside, there is too much cold artifice and misanthropy in Altman's creation for anyone

to be uplifted for long. The film also looks artificial. Period cars prowl those tidy streets that only exist on a Hollywood set. Inside the Hey Hey Club, every-thing is brown. On a technical level Stephen Altman's production design may be exemplary, but it displays neither a poetic imagination nor the hard edge of reality. You never feel you are in Kansas City. You never feel Robert Altman was there either: he could have dreamt up this place from other people's movies:



Tiresome kidnapper Jennifer Jason Leigh squawks and grimaces while her victim, Miranda Richardson, exploits her character's comic potential in Kansas City

One of the great virtues of Mr time is 1968. The location: a nondescript suburb of Sydney. baking in the summer heat. Wally Mellish, a petty criminal just out of prison, rents a house. "Don't worry about No 5 Glenfield Road," he tells the owner, "nothing's going to happen there." But that is before he fires a shotgun at police investigat-ing the their of crests from Jaguar cars (he needed them for mantelpiece ornaments).

The police overreact, and assume he is holding a woman and child hostage. The woman is his new girlfriend Beryl. Suddenly we have a siege; and the area buzzes with onlookers, the media, entrepreneurs selling sausages, hapless cops, and the best in late Sixties hair and clothing. Meanwhile, Wally and Beryl get married, with the Police Commissioner as best man. He later becomes a hostage himself: "Milk or sugar, Mr Allen?" Beryl asks, a gun pointing

into his mouth. Ever since her first feature, Malcolm: the Australian director Nadia Tass has been partial to

Kansas City ABC Shaftesbury Ave, 15, 115 mins Crime and corruption plus lots of jazz in Robert Altman's home town

Mr Reliable Warner West End, 15, 113 mins Engaging true-life Aussie comedy

American Bunaio Metro, 15, 90 mins Powerful adaptation of David Mamet's play

The Sunchaser Warner West End, 15, 123 mins Windy Michael Cimino film

> Gabbeh ICA Cinema, 75 mins Poetic jewel from Iran

whimsical comedy about misfits. But Mr Reliable is no scriptwriter's fancy: the bizarre events actually happened, and the film fruitfully feeds off the protest feelings stirred by the Vietnam War. Mellish, played with ebullient charm by Colin Friels, becomes a modern folk hero, a simple, uneducated Aussie who makes clowns of the

hated Establishment. Tass develops the tale with due regard for comedy and suspense, and never allows the characters to decline into caricature. The forces of law and order, the media hounds, the prickly neighbours: all

have their place in the sun. And Beryl herself is a winner, a spunky lass determined to enjoy domestic bliss even during siege warfare. Jacqueline Mckenzie's perfor-

mance, following turns in Romper

Stomper and Angel Baby, confirms

her position as one of Down Under's rising stars. "You tire me out, Walt. I need a rest." So do we after a dose of Dustin Hoffman in American Buffalo. Entering the film kicking litter, and looking immaculately grungy with stubble and stringy hair, Hoffman's small-time hustler lets loose an avalanche of words.

dumps his own mountain too. For this is David Mamet country. People talk. And talk. And talk. They talk about business, loyalty and friendship; and they talk dirty. But what else would you expect? This is a film of Mamet's early play (1975), and any opening out would weaken its force. Aside from a few street exteriors, we remain locked in the junk-shop overnight, as

Dornny and Walt plan to rob a customer who had hought a collector's item, a buffalo-headed nickel, at too cheap a price. Donny wants to use his young gofer (Sean Nelson) and cut him in on the profits; Walt has other ideas, and is not above wrecking the shop to

make his point. Michael Corrente, the director, has a definite feeling for the dingier kind of small-town lives: he showed this in Federal Hill. But American Buffalo belongs to Mamet's script and the actors. Hoffman is impressive, though he lacks the dynamism Al Pacino brought to the stage role in London; while Franz displays a depth scarcely suggested by his TV

Walt's pal Donny, the junk-shop cop roles. As a cinema experience. sombre for wide acceptance: quality is there, though.

f American Buffalo hems you in, Michael Cimino is more than happy to show you wide open spaces in The Sunchaser, his first film in six years. This is a road movie with pretensions, driven by two charac-ters at loggerheads. One is Woody Harrelson, a priggish LA doctor: the other is Jon Seda, a cancerstricken teenager who escapes prison transportation, kidnaps the doc. and forces him to drive to a Navajo mountain for spiritual salvation.

Cimino means to turn their journey into a report on the state of the nation. He fills the screen with clever\_arrangements of rock, sand and Tarmac, and some choice visual conceits. Note the American flag carefully reflected in the car's smashed side-view mirror. But Charles Leavitt's script cannot sustain the weight Cimino applies: any serious ideas are half-baked, and cliches multiply as doc and patient head for the hills. "It's been real."

☐ KANSAS CITY

Ben Peters, 22: I found Jennifer Jason Leigh so annoying in this I almost walked out. She was ludicrously over-the-top.

Lucy Knight, 22: I'm a big Robert Altman fan, but I found this a bit of a let-down, it felt a bit too contrived.

Richard Wright, 20: I don't like jazz at all, so I found much of this ouite dull.

Holly Peters, 20: Not my cup of tea. It was unnecessarily complicated, and I found Jennifer Jason Leigh bugged me as much as she did in Mrs Parker.

☐ MR RELIABLE

Ben: Although not as funny as other recent Australian comedies, this is worth a look. Colin Friels is excellent.

Lucy: Not too bad, although I found the humour a bit wearing. Richard: This didn't split my sides. but occasionally made them ache. It kept me gripped as well. Holly: This will be a perfect film to rent on video. I can't believe anybody would fail to laugh.

☐ THE SUNCHASER Ben: I'm surprised Cimino thought

he needed to make another buddy movie. Thumbs down. Lucy: Although the performances were good. I felt that the film was a bit lightweight.

Richard: I enjoyed this and even found it quite moving. Woody Harrelson was well up to his best. Holly: I thought much of this was a bit dull, especially as I find films about men crying boring.

Seda says as the two take their

Gabbeh is half-real, half-fantastic. Mohsen Makhmalbaf, one of Iran's liveliest directors, began by wanting to make a documentary about the carpet-weaving tribes of south-east Iran. But a story intruded, and the film took flight. becoming an extraordinary visual experience bathed, like the tribe's clothes, in the brightest of colours:

turquoise, pink, purple, yellow.
The tribe's brand of carpet. known as "gabbeh", traditionally documents their own experiences. Makhmalbaf follows suit, and the story he tells of a young woman kept from marrying the man she loves finds its way into the gorgeous carpet woven before us. Most Iranian cinema seen in Britain has followed the realist line: Makhmalbaf, 40 next year, opens a window on to a poetic tradition. A schoolteacher reaches out to the sky to explain about colour: his hand becomes blue. A single figure stands in a landscape of snow and hills. Man and nature, art and life: they all become fused in Gabbeh, a small jewel of pure cinema.

JAZZ: High volume dims Marisa Monte's lyrics at the Barbican; plus Marion Montgomery at Pizza On The Park

or the second time in less than a week a singer came unstuck due to a woeful sound mix. What made Marisa Monte's Oris Jazz Festival show at the Barbican even more frustrating than Carmen Lundy's earlier concert was that so much care had been lavished on a video installation which,

# Brief glimpses of sensuality

to be honest, added little to our appreciation of the songs. How ironic, then, that the Brazilian vocalist's new alburn should be called A Great Noise. Even allowing for the

language barrier, it was a the volume levels dropped, it struggle to decipher the lyrics amid the churning over-amplification of Monte's guitarsand-drums backing. On the rare occasions when

et Circensis). Following their example.

was possible to appreciate exactly why this tirelessly edectic performer has been acclaimed as one of the spiritual heirs to Caetano Veloso and Gilberto Gil (a link that was made explicit by her borrowing of the song Panis

Monte borrows heavily from the vocabulary of Western pop, even throwing in a graceful cover version of George Harrison's Give Me

performance, though, she runs the risk of allowing the remorseless four-square rock beat to smother her sensuous heritage. It may be naive to long for the tone poems of ipanema, but some of us prefer nostalgia to the smoke stacks of Sao Paulo.

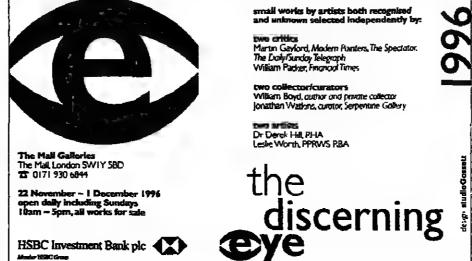
That there is nothing to be ashamed of in looking to the past was illustrated by Marion Montgomery's urbane tribute to Johnny Mercer at Pizza On The Park. Mercer's

lyrics are a distinctive combination of the poetic and the demotic; and Montgomery possesses exactly the right temperament to draw out the full measure of emotion and worldliness in Come Rain Or Come Shine, for instance, or

Blues In The Night. Laurie Holloway's trio arrangements are models of their kind, inventive but never intrusive. Stripped to essentials. Montgomery's stark and vulnerable account of Days of Wine and Roses allowed us to ponder the words as if hearing them for the very first

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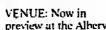






■ CHOICE I

Alec McCowen leads The Cherry Orchard into the West End





■ CHOICE 2

Meaty chunks of Parsifal are on Simon Rattle's menu this evening VENUE: Symphony Hall,

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Trainspotting, the most provocative British film of 1995, is in the shops



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There are many surprises, not least the piece itself. Lenz's autobiographical play of 1776, on which Zimmermann's libretto is closely based, is not so much about the brutal and licentious soldiery of the title as about class; the soldiers who degrade and destroy Marie, the middle-class protagonist, are all officers. The influence on Schiller's "bourgeois tragedy" Kabale und Liebe of 30 years later (even later to become Verdi's Luisa Miller) and Büchner's Woyceck of 1837 is palpable.

Zimmermann repays the compliment: his score is an extended homage to Berg's Wozzeck — short scenes based on closed musical forms (chaconne, toccata and so on).

inmermann's opera of 1965 is said to be the most important German opera since Berg's Lulu, and if not it most certainly is — or nit most certainly is — or til Henze capped it with We to the River. Several British ions have been planned, and elved because of the forces

The only problem about this piece of overwhelmingly powerful music-theatre is that Marie is none too warmly characterised: there is a danger of her seeming an upwardly-mobile airhead on the make, using the sexual attraction to better her status, and of the opera itself turning into Madama Butterfly but with an unsympathetic heroine.

There is little opportunity to worry about this during a performance: you are swept along by the visceral power of the music. Again, surprises. Soldaten is reputed to be the noisiest opera ever written, and the prelude — shrieking woodwind and grinding brass over insistent drum.

Die Soldaten

Coliseum

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ing is of chambermusical, filigree delicacy and extremely seductive, with especially telling use of saxophone, electric guitar, bells and extravagantly divided strings; the Bergian vocalines, angular and with wide leaps exploiting the extremes of the compass, have a beauty all their own.

If the production has a single hero, it is the conductor Elgar Howarth. He and the orchestra lay the music out with the utmost clarity, relishing its colours and subtle timbres, and take constant care with balance so that a cast taking equal care with diction get most of the words across.

And the cast sings superbly. The role of Marie looks quite impossible on paper but, in a stunning British operatic debut, Lisa Saffer not only makes light of the rechnical difficuties but ensures that every single bar emerges as music. Jon Garrison, in the Pinkerton role of Desportes, is equally musical, lyrical and unstrained. There are impressive performances from Roberto Salvatori



Uniformly superb: from left, around table, Nicholas Folwell (Major Mary), Roberto Salvatori (Stolzius), David Barrell (Major Haudy)

in the Lenz role of Marie's faithful swain. Christopher Gillett as an officer who thinks, and Marie Angel as the Countess who tries to take the girl under her wing — the nearest we get to a sympathetic character.

Soldaten was deemed

"unperformable" by its commissioners in 1960, and even as revised four years later remains a formidable challenge. The director, David Freeman, has rightly gone for simplicity in Sally Jacobs's helpful permanent set, and could perhaps have gone

further: the films and soldier-extras marching about — not very well — add little of substance. But the action is presented with unsparing clarity (a couple of nasty rapes), even the famous three scenes played simultaneously, in the event no

remains hard to care for this self-pitying egomaniac. Still,

who expects a West End

musical to be theologically sound? Thanks to Lloyd

Webber's ebullient music and

Gale Edwards's energetic di-

rection, the evening at least

John Napier's set is terrific.

tiers of brick arches that rise

towards a stony Calvary and

stretch out towards rough

timber walkways running into

the auditorium. Throngs swirl in rowdy joy or rage. The halt and lame slide from the brick-

work like huddled, grey mag-

gots. The temple genuinely

Visually, this is Superstar

with a sprinkling of Les Mis.

earthier and less slick than the

one that first hit London, and

looks like a den of thieves.

Edwards's production

holds the attention.

more adventurous than similar devices in Bohème and Rigoletto. Indeed, in many ways Soldaten is a surprisingly conventional opera — nothing wrong with that — and rivetingly well performed. Definitely not to be missed.

their predecessors. Zubin Varla's puritanical Judas

would be planting bombs on

planes these days. A stricken

David Burt almost makes you

feel sorry for Pilate; Nick

Holder's gaudy Herod puts

plenty of venom into taunts

such as "prove to me you're no fool, walk across my swimming pool": Joanna Ampil as

the groupic Magdalene sings the lovely Everything's Alright

Much is right, yet much is

wrong. When the crowds

launched into the title song,

why could I not forget my

children's parody: "Georgie Best, superstar, walks like a

woman and wears a bra?

There is something about the

Lyceum's reopening I cannot

This review appeared in some

BENEDICT

NIGHTINGALE

with plenty of sweetness.

"ten past eight" slot on Todav (Radio 4), to be interviewed by Sue MacGregor. This time of the morning is normally reserved for politician-mauling

This one took nearly 20.

Lest we were in any doubt as to whose agenda was being served, the duchess halted any interesting line of inquiry by announcing: "That's not in the book". This was a classic case of a respectable current affairs medium being hijacked

and the interview typically

lasts well under ten minutes.

for publicity purposes.

But the fourth and most entertaining example of bookto-radio transference this week came in Death Discs (Radio 2, Tuesday), a programme both nauseaing and riveting. The programme was based on a book, also called Death Discs, which carries the sublime subtitle Ashes to Smashes: An Account of Fatality in the Popular Song.

The author, Alan Clayson, has a chirpy style that is as right for the book as it was for the radio, which focused heavily on the golden era of death discs between the mid-1950s and the mid-1960s.

But Clayson also played the

But Clayson also played the first death disc. Stanley Kirkby's Don't Go Down The Mine, Dad (1910). a far more pithy piece of work than the cloying records which marked the genre during the rock era, from which the most noted example is the truly awful Tell Laura I Love Her.

Death Discs will not have been to every taste, but it served to illustrate that books can make splendid radio when the book is used imaginatively as a research source.

PETER BARNARD

## THEATRE: Jesus raises the Lyceum from the dead but the spirit is ailing; plus posthumous vindication for a neglected playwright



Moaning Messiah: Joanna Ampil and Steve Balsamo

From the expansive

Concerno to intimate

romanticism of Elgar's Cello

iber music including

ympathetic interpretations

estic inspiration

YES, it is great to see the Lyceum back in creative business after an absence of several generations. Why, then, did last night's performance of Jesus Christ Superstar not send me out shaken, moved, stunned, exhilarated, or something comparably strong? Where the Jewish rabble chants "hey-sanna, ho-sanna", I would, I fear, substitute a carping "ho-hum-sanna".

Maybe a perverse nostalgia is to blame. Behind the hefty portico that still looms over Wellington Street. Henry Irving played the great Shake-spearean roles. Yet the Lyceum that has been expensively reborn on the same site is a garish barn, and the reopening show is not exactly Hamlet or Lear.

Let me admit that Superstar is not my favourite musical. I would recommend Andrew Lloyd Webber's lush, dark Sunset Boulevard or jokey, unpretentious By Jeeves to anybody; but the pop-opera he and Tim Rice concotted in the late 1960s exudes more showbiz noise than plain truth. The composer and librettist might be answering

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# Lame resurrection

selves") and to resent disciples

the Beatles' claim to be more famous than Christ by creating a Christ who was a greater celeb even than the Beatles.

Steve Balsamo's long, tapering Jesus is typically said to be "bigger than John when he did his baptism thing"; but John when he did his Lennon thing was a master of wisdom and warmth beside hlm. He seems to dislike the sick ("heal your-

he thinks do not love him enough. The Last Supper opens nastily and soon turns nastier. "I must be mad thinking I'll be remembered," whinges the Superstar. "Look at your blank faces. My name will mean nothing after I'm dead." Though Balsamo sings nicely and brings what sensitivity he can to the role, it

# European disunity

The Bellevue

Lyric Studio,

Hammersmith

ALMOST as exciting as discovering an excellent new play is the rediscovery of an excellent old one. Here is Odön von Horváth's first play, completed in 1926, pushed into a drawer and not produced, even in his home

country (Austria) until 1969, 30 years after his untimely death. In Paris to escape the Nazis, he sheltered under a

tered under a tree during a thunderstorm and was killed by a falling branch.

In his hotel room were found the notes for a new novel, Adieu Europe, a title that neatly expresses the feelings that energise all his work. In The Bellevue, an outdated map of Europe hangs on the wall of the bankrupt hotel, and Nick Philippou's production for Actors Touring Company emphasises the point by hanging it permanently askery.

The wit is not only wintry but blisteringly funny, exposing the unremitting greed of its characters by giving them preposterously selfish, selfexculpating dialogue. Ada, a crumbling aristocrat, is the hotel's only paying guest, and when the sweet-natured Christine arrives, hoping to marry the manager who has fathered her child, the staff gang up on the girl and in a nightmarish sequence all pre-

tend to have enjoyed her favours. She then reveals that her wish is to save the hotel with money from an unexpected inheri-

upon the men reverse their behaviour and struggle to propose marriage.

Kenneth McLeish provides a marvellously speakable translation, and Philippou has done the author proud with the zest of his production. As the raddled, grimly powdered countess, Ann Firbank is a haunting image of a woman, perhaps the image of a woman, perhaps the image of a whole continent, long in the tooth but longing for former joys. Several characters, including John Dicks's sinisterly funny gambler, hint at the Nazi future ahead, and there is an exceptionally clever performance by Christopher Staines as a louche, monkey-faced waiter. Recommended





## Roy Strong recalls the vision of a choreographer whose effervescent spirit infused his work

first met Sir Frederick Ashton at the close of the 1960s at a party given by the young Dufferins. As he sat with hi head en profile, tilted as though he suggested to David Hockney that he ought to draw him for the National Portrait Gallery, of which I was then Director. He did, but the then Trustees didn't regard him as important enough so I arranged for its purchase by Ann Fleming.

In a way this is a cameo of establishment attitudes to the ballet even at that late date. The idea that Ashton would end up a knight an OM and be accorded a memorial service in Westminster Abbey was still a long way off. And yet within his domain he was a genius, Egotistical, lazy, selfish, capricious, stingy, bitchy and wickedly witty, Ashton adored the grand life. He was a major prop of he beau monde, revelling in the friendship of duchesses and his adored Queen Mother, fully living up to Diana Cooper's adage:

# A dance to the music of his soul

"Homosexuals make the best courtiers." For there always lurked SECRET MUSES The Life of behind the façade that hidden life, one driven on by a relentless Frederick Ashton sexual drive (which also included a By Julie Kavanagh brief heterosexual phase) which went on almost to the end. This was Ashton the pursuer, haunted by a succession of beauti-

ful young men whom he chose and What Julie Kavanagh reveals in her superb book is that in a sense got, or yearned for so ardently that he would put pen to paper in each ballet was biography. For Natalia Petrovna and the tutor in almost hauntingly poignant love letters. On the whole he was lucky, for only the venal and violent A Month in the Country read the ageing Ashton pining for the beautiful Thomas. That side is unashamedly laid bare in this meticulously researched and Marty Thomas cast a shadow at the end. The rest — the "widows" as they were called — remained loyal even after all passion was

ations rose above that not only because of their choreographic invention but because they were emanations of an intellect. Ashton's greatest work came

after 1939, the war precipitating a catharsis during which he educated himself. Beneath all the mannered affectation and campery there lurked a man who was well read in everything from the Span-ish mystics to Proust and who was fascinated by the geometry of Euclid. That certainly sets him apart from his successors, but it also explains that ability to articulate the human condition through dance which pervades all his greatest creations from Symphon-ic Variations onwards.

In Ashton too there was that paradox of a period shared by Beaton, Britten and others which swung between Modernism and an insular romanticism, between succumbing to the exhilaration of the new tempered by elegies for a lost aristocratic culture.

This book will not only be a compulsive read for balletomanes. but also for its portrait of the world from which our present Royal Ballet sprang, one of between-the-wars high Bohemia. It is in fact the company's inner history and ought to be compulsory reading for all of them. Unlike Balanchine, Ashton never taught class or was accorded a foundation to perpetuate his work. Recent revivals of his ballets have revealed how quickly his subtleties can slip over into caricature and how some pieces already appear antiquated. Perhaps while the Opera House is closed someone will give thought as to which of his works should be preserved and also how. Ashton may not be the English Petipa but he is certainly our Bourneville.



Kumakawa as Puck in Ashton's The Dream, in a 1994 production

# Delightful concoctions

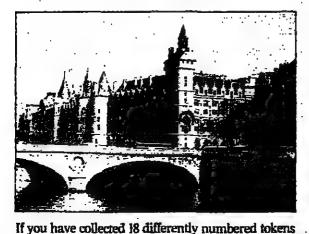


More than the literary equivalent of spoonsful of jam — preparing a feast in the days before the sterility of the supermarket: The Butcher's Shop by Frans Snyders (1579-1657)

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- CHANGING TIMES

Tood has become so fashionable, in certain milieux, that it is something you're seen with rather than eat. Anorexia chic demands that fashion victims who, last year, were still serving up grilled peppers and polental now toy with ostrich steaks and roast their veg.

Foreign food still represents. contradictorily perhaps, glamour, sex, authenticity and exoticism to anyone brought up on the kind of bad English cooking we are supposed to believe has vanished thanks to the relentless proselytising of the galloping gourmets.

Perhaps, in an age of sexual anxiety, food fantasies are safe. Cookery books have long been known to provide the blissful frisson that porn does not always deliver. But aren't there enough anthologies on

food around already? Where Paul Levy, in The Penguin Book of Food and Drink (Penguin, 120: ISBN 0 67085 206 XI remarks austerely that there is "no excuse for producing yet another book that is the literary equivalent of spoonsful of jam". Joan

GEORGE is having an affair

in clandestine lairs with a

married woman old enough to

be his mother. They make al

fresco love in some Metroland

suburb like Amersham.

whose commuters suppose it

to be proper country. Then George discovers a hoard of

Kalashnikovs, Semtex and

something even nastier in

their indoor love-lair. And the

third volume of John Bayley's

trilogy of domestic thrillers is

off down its roller-coaster of

This is a mixed genre, after

Dornford Yates, that Profes-

sor Bayley has invented The

thriller element is played by

the IRA, KGB and the British

spooks, who have been privatised by the end of the Cold War. They now operate

(as they probably always did) for the continued employment

and profit of their operatives.

A key secret is discovered by

the underling in the Moscow

KGB whose duty is to trawl

through The Times every

morning. The domestic com-

edy is contributed by the ill-

starred lovers. Making a mess

secrets, lies and surprises.

Smith in Hungry for You: From Cannibalism to Seduction (Charto & Windus, £17.99; ISBN 0 7011 6217 1) is permis sive, unashamed to pick out

her favourite plums. Her compilation is original in two ways. She prefaces each section of extracts with a lively essay of her own, and she tickles not just palates but also consciences by serving up lashings of nasties: starvation. torture and cannibalism.

Here is a sociological and cultural account beginning with hunger pangs and ending with the pleasures of satiety. Smith is the head-chef who designs the menu but lets the sous-chefs shine. She does allow herself some enjoyable boasting about her learned imperuous openness towards unfamiliar dishes such as sweethreads in Burgundy, virulentiy hot chicken jalfrezi in Dhaka, raw reindeer tongues stuffed with sour cream in Stockholm, brain fritters in Damascus." Her conversion experience involved Italian cookery books: "I learned how to roast garlie and sun-dry my

the shores of Lake Garda black pasta in Sardinia and ribollita in Certaldo."

Joan Smith sounds, here, just like Loretta, the heroine of her detective novels, who, unlike other feminist sleuths who pride themselves on being unable to distinguish their farcies from their arborio, always knows what side her ciabana is buttered on. Smith is caustic, in her Obsession section, on diet as symptom not solution:what a relief to encounter Muriel Spark, Duke Ellington, Carol Shields, Brillat-Savarin, and many other experts on gowrnandise. That old favourite. Becky Sharp mistakingly gobbling chillis, is here. Nothing

by Colette, which is a pity. here Smith really scores is in her early chapters, rubbing our noses in poverty, pain, desperate hunger and the desperate remedy of eating accounts fill the reader with nausea and disgust. Others compel compassion.

Paul Levy, in the opening

sentence of his introduction to the Penguin anthology, boldly lays his trump recipe cards on the kitchen table, declaring that "although this volume can be seen as an attempt to establish the canon of a subject that has yet to achieve recogni-tion. it is also a completely

personal choice of writing about food and drink." Levy serves up big chunks of prose, long enough to convince and satisfy as well as titiliate. He distinguishes between how-to advice and recipes, and reading about food and drink as a leisure activity enjoyed by people who like to eat and fantasise about eating but

don't necessarily cook. He includes a lot of pieces from authors practising in the New World, from S. J. Perelman to M. F. K. Fisher, and in his second section, on the Old World, quotes genorously from beloved experts like Edouard de Pomiane, Norman Douglas. Jane Grigson and Elizabeth David. These two books compliment each other like fish and chips.

MICHÈLE ROBERTS

# Not so bad as you might think

omens of its own destruction.

plagues swept across the globe people died in agony, some shrivelled to skeletons, some pouring blood and fluids from every orifice. Children began to wheeze and choke on the very air they breathed. A heart of a pig was found to beat in the body of a man. There were floods where there had been droughts and drought where there had been water. And in a city in the west a woman who had lain as if

dead for many months was found to be with child." So begins the first chapter of-The Age of Andety, a deter-mined effort to make the turn of this millennium sound as flesh-creeping as that of the last. But try instead this alter-native view of the Western world today: "Peace descended: upon a continent that had ries. Nations that were enebecame friends and terrible weapons of destruction were themselves destroyed. Women no longer died in childbirth; their babies and children were spared too. ity who would before have led barren lives. More people enjoyed the fruits of learning and their grandparents lived to a hitherto undreamed of age. Like the very birds of the air, humans flew to distant

continents and brought back tales of magical heauty."

All right, I admit it I wrote that version. But it seems just as valid an assessment of Western life today. But it would not suit a publisher who had hit upon the idea that, as the year 2000 approaches, we are all again in

the grip of millenarian angst. Mary Midgley, in her essay on the environment, is the only writer to admit that, "I don't think there has ever been, in my time, any shortage of worry." For her generation, the biggest terror - that of war - has been lifted. But if anxiety is always with us, is it

really any worse now? Fear of crime has surely increased. But the acts that most shock us, such as the Bulger killing or the West murders, are horrifying precisely because they are so unusual. Linda Grant, in an excellent essay on violence, writes, "The even more ghastly truth about these two cases not that they are symptoms of social breakdown but that they occurred where both community and family was still

intact." The same was true of

Mary Ann Sieghart

THE AGE OF ANXIETY Edited by Sarah Dunant and Roy Porter Vtrago, £16.99 ISBN 1860492134

Dunblane which took place in the close knit community that is sup-

Crime is worse, but only compared with the golden age of the 1950s and 1960s, a thousand years of almost permanent anxiety about vio-lence. And Aids too, as Oscar Moore reminds us in a polgnant posthumous essay, is no more than a return to the relatively recent days, just two meant danger. Even in the 1950s and 1960s, people had other things to worry about: nuclear annihilation, stiffing social conventions and stultify-

ost of our genuinely new anxieties are summed up in Geoff Mulgan's essay on technology and jobs. Those of us aged between 30 and 60 were educated without computers and brought up to believe that our careers would be linear and secure. It is not surprising that we feel ill-equipped for change. But we can learn the new ways, and our children will have been born to them. so they will be fine.

If you, like me, are a natural optimist, read this book and you will enjoy taking issue with almost every claim, or finding a countervailing reason to be happy to match each counsel of despair. You might even find yourself whistling. as I did, Always Look on the Bright Side of Life ...



# Little Grey men

own tomatoes; i are polenta on

Philip Howard

GEORGE'S LAIR By John Bayley Duckworth, £15.99 ISBN 07156 2747 3

of things, particularly his life, is what George is good at. And faith unfaithful keeps Martha. his improbable mother-lover. falsely true. The crusty element is supplied by the author through his puppets. He has witty digs at the vulgarity of television chat and game shows, misquotation of poetry. and modern catchphrases such as "ongoing" and "paradigm". "Crusty" itself could have been one of them. To

anybody under 30 this now means smelling of old socks. And what a bore sex has become nowadays to the authorial voice. Always on view. Like sticking a BMW in a garage and leaving the door

Nevertheless, there is a fair amount of sex of all persuasions, described with wit that is not prurient and an old interest in the knickerless. The Grey brothers (there are three of them), conspirators and fantasists. get some of their just desserts. The gentle and the innocent get not quite a happy ending, but resolution and a step forward in the game of life. There is an explosion and the ghastliest Christmas family house party that has been held

anywhere, even Bourne End. The light story is witty, well written and exciting, with frequent chicanes and shocks. The good guys and girls end up living the sort of lives everyone thinks they ought to be living all along. It is funny, surprising, touching — and a little sad.

# Sticky web of spells

IT IS owing to misfortune rather than mispedgment that Hustvedt's second novel fails to translate across the Pond. depending, as it does, on the words "Dahl" and "doll" sounding the same. If this climax sounds fragile, then the story enveloping it is equally

The Enchantment of Lily Dahl is one of those American novels whose view of the world appears to have been manufactured by diluting with the author's sensibility the boiled-down residue of American culture. Set in some vague era. in a typically claustrophobic small town. the novel is spoilt for the choice of form according to which it will proceed: will it be the scap opera, with its limited but unerring stock of locations, or the sultry violence of the film noir? The sufficating narrowmindedness of Main

Street, or the dark underbelly

Rachel Cusk

ENCHANTMENT OF LILY DAHL By Siri Hustvedt Sceptre, E12 ISBN 0340682353

of the local rag? Or will it be all of these, worn with the slight' self-consciousness which signals that some broad-brush criticism of the above is underway?

The novel opens with Lily Dahl, a young beautiful and clever girl, working as a waitress at the diner downstairs, spying from her apartment on a dark, handsome stranger, who has taken up residence in a hotel room across the street. Lily seduces the stranger, a 34-year-old New York Jew who: having registered his interest, is left to

ing while Lily goes off to endure her rite of passage Naturally enough, this if volves men of the more loca variety, who spin a workship web of intrigue upon the cus of Lily's womanhood out lavish quantities of small to holoum and hocus pocus. Te local Dram. Soc. manages mobilise a Shakespearian su plot, ample hauntings at sightings occur, the New York painter is besmirched with some low gossip which shakes Lily's mission at its verifications and makes her realise that she is doing it the herself and herself alone. Ms Hustvedt would doubtedly argue that her north has important things to see about female identity; but a male-female apartheid characterisation and retempts of Lily's period do not feminist that the seminist that the semin feminist tract make. The nov does at least have a venee novelty to recommend it, be his moody smoking and paintno more than that

da rum haid to res Dancar

Peter Ackroyd celebrates the

visionary thread that connects the worlds of Blake and Burroughs

he oldest literature in the world is the literature of vision; yet it is, in our time, the one least studied. The newest literature in the world is the literature of vision; yet, caught between the academic shibboleths of social realism and Modernism for Post-Modernism), it is still the least understood. There has in fact been a change in the hot-house atmosphere of our fin-de-siècle. when omens and auguries have become commonplace, but true visionary writers are still likely to be neglected when not actively ridiculed. That is why a book of this kind is so necessary, especially since it espouses what Edward J. Ahearn describes as "a very persistent tradition of apoca-typtic writing, only partially recognised by scholars and

Professor Ahearn dates this visionary tradition from the time of the French Revolution. but the provenance may be questioned. The authors of Piers the Plowman and The Pilgrim's Progress precede

that event, for example, and apocalyptic writprevalent in the mid-l6th as in the mid-18th century. This book's central concern is also with French literature names of Langland and of Bun-

> yan may suggest, the same congregation of forces is to be found within English writing

It is not of course a popular subject among modern Eng-lish novelists, primarily because they have nothing much to say about it, while the broadly secular or Protestant conscience of academic "lit crit" has characteristically been unable to account for a persistent tradition which, as Ahearn shrewdiy notes, can turn into "burlesque" or "satire", "displacement" or "magnification".

There may be something particularly unsettling, at least for literary purists, in the ike André Breton or William Burroughs who have no particular attachment to the form or "seriousness" of the novel itself. But the novel is a recent invention, established in the context of a public and communai world which many visionaries consider to be an ill-favoured delusion. It might be then construed as issuing from what Blake called the mundane shell. That is why the species of writing is always less important than the vision which sustains it.

But the writers described in this book are by no means vague idealists or nebulous visionaries; they were, on the whole, eminently practical men who simply believed that the structure of the world was being misunderstood. Swedenborg was an engineer and Novalis a student of geology, while the ill-fated Lautreamont travelled to Paris in order to enrol at the College of Mining. There has always. been a tradition connecting

earth science with mysticism. culminating in a phrase that Professor Ahearn uses in the context of Novalis - "miners

are astrologers in reverse".

Visionary Fictions is essentially a collection of short critical essays with an underlying theme but, as a result, it provides an excellent introduction to one of the most perplexing of all literary subjects. The essay on Novalis is instructive in that respect, since it places him within the context of late-18th-century German idealism. In that Newtonian age of commerce and burgeoning industrialisation. Novalis had a vision of the world that eucompassed medieval fairy-tale, spiritual geology and a form of magical pre-history.

His was an attempt at syncretic or total knowledge, that holy grail pursued by 18th-century enthusiasts; but, for the visionary writers of the period, it was also an attempt to discover sources of power other than those technological and material ones which they witnessed all around them. That is also why many of them

emphasised the destructive fea-VISIONARY tures of sexual **FICTIONS** repression: the risen, or reno-Apocalyptic vated. human Writing from body might otherwise become Blake to the Modern Age the source of di-By Edward vine energy. J. Abearn Of course the Yale, £20 ISBN 0 300 06536 1 general reaction

> ployed such beliefs is to denounce them as eccentric or mad; any writer possessed of a certain kind of energy or exuberance, in pursuit of an imaginative vision, is likely to be considered partly or wholly insane. Blake suffered for his visions, but remained intact; in some sense he is the presiding genius of this book. Gerard de Nerval, a French Chatterton, hanged himself. Lautreamont died mysteriously at the age of 24. It is as if they wished only to leave the world which refused to counte-

the writers

who have propa-

\* t was Lautreamont who, Chants de Maldoror, treated an image of God entering a brothel. "Lie for me," God asks the narrator. Tell them that I never left heaven." This might be considered blasphemous, but really it is not so. Blasphemy is a cold and dark sin, emanating from those who have no sense of the sacred. Chants de Maldoror is, in contrast, filled with a desperate appetite for belief and a no less fervent desire for redemption. In that sense it can be judged the most formidable of visionary texts, surpassing even Blake's Marriage of Heaven and

Ahearn is very good and interesting on the predictive possibilities of such texts. One of the most extraordinary aspects of William Burrough's The Naked Lunch, for example, is the extent to which in 1959 he prophesied the growth of Arab terrorism in "Islam Inc", the spread of Aids and what sounds uncannily like



Vision that issues forth from the mundane shell: William Blake's apocalyptic Death on a Pale Horse, circa 1800

the Internet in "the panorama of the City of Interzone ... Composite City where all human potentials are spread out visionary who stares into the heart of the world also sees those forces waiting to emerge

There are many matters for reflection and consideration in this book. Ahearn notes, for example, that there is in male Visionary writers an aversion to female sexuality, which suggests that in some sense visionaries are against nature. But in no sense are they against history. In his concluding chapter Ahearn remarks that the visionary obsession with the historical process, or with layers of time and myth, may be a way of recognising the present as an aspect of

ly and relevant book, and marks a welcome addition to the number of millennial and apocalyptic texts which seem to be setting the tone of this final decade. It is as if, on looking back, we are beginning to see things clearly for the first time.

eternity.

# From beyond the grave

or two weeks after my father died, I watched the post like a watched Reason argued against a letter arriving from him. but grie fuelled the hope that he'd posted a final missive to me before he had died and that something could arrive from the far side of silence. What I was hoping, of course, was that the voice I loved all my life hadn't been stilled. The basic fulfilment of such an unpromising hope is, I believe, what unconsciously thrills us when a book by an author whose work we have cherished is published posthumously. Now Hamish Hamilton

ublishes two books by the Nobel laureate Joseph Brodsky, who died in January this year. The first and slimmer of the two, So Forth, is a volume of poetry either written in English or translated by Brodsky himself from his first language, Russian. The second, On Grief and Reason, is a collection of 21 essays, illuminations, exhortations, catechisms — varying forms of speedball spiels in the inimitable Brodsky style which made him such an electrifying presence in both his public and private spheres. Among the many rewards of these books is the bolt of emotional lightning, reading their opening lines, not of seeing a ghost, but of seeing an old friend anew.

... [A] poet," Brodsky writes in an essay on Thomas Hardy's poetry, "shouldn't be viewed through any prism other than his poems" — which is a valid point of view only when the poet commits his words to poetry and nothing else. Brodsky thought himself a poet, first: even. perhaps, a poet only — but he was savvy and sensitive enough to realise his own poetry was inextricably braidwith the sounds and rhythms of his native Russian. For many English speakers. the experience of hearing Brodsky recite his poetry in Russian was never really equalled by hearing or reading that same poetry in English. This was not so much the fault of Brodsky as it was the salt-to-pepper contrast be-tween two different tongues.

Marianne Wiggins

ON GRIEF AND REASON Essays By Joseph Brodsky Hamish Hamilton, E20 ISBN 0-241-13567-2 SO FORTH Poems By Joseph Brodsky Hamish Hamilton, El6 ISBN 0-241-00269-9

In a poet of lesser genius, this might have signalled an artistic handicap, but Brod-sky's pursuit of his love for language was too agile and athletic. As a result, he made himself into one of the English language's great essayists. It is through the prism of these essays that the distinctive brilliance of his mind can best be

nd what a mind: comic, playful, rigorous, exacting — above all, humble. Not to mention sexy. He was as scornful of cowardice in the political area as he was of mediocrity on the literary scene. There is perhaps no better example of Brodsky in a fit of moral outrage than his stunning Letter To A President, written to that hero-ofour-time, Vaclay Havel.

The title essay is Brodsky's masterclass on Robert Frost. He is at his best when writing about other poets, and there are essays here on Rilke, Spender and Hardy. None is more affectionate than his Letter to Horace. He looks forward to meeting Horace after death, but laments they have no common language. "Worse comes to worse." he proposes, "we can communicate through meters ... That might work; you know, like inmates in an institution."

If for no other gift to the reader, On Grief and Reason is a book to be thankful for because it teaches that when you are kept awake at night by the sound of your own heart thumping, you can survive the night knowing that it is the sound of those noisy poets, still

# Hold fast to sound words

Michael Dummett on the battle between

he title page reads: The New Fowler's Modern English Usage, first edited by H.W. Fowler, Third Edition edited by R. W. Burchfield. Here is a mistake: Fowler did not edit the book of 1926: he wrote it. What is an "edition" of a

book does need updating from time to

time, and Sir Ernest Gowers revised

it for the second edition of 1965 with

previously published book? When it is the original author who carries out the revision, it is seldom problematic to speak of the new text as an edition of the old, unless the author has totally altered his opinions. But when the revision is by another hand, it is unclear. Countless compilations have appeared under the title Hoyle's Rules of Card Games which have nothing in common with Edmond Hoyle's original work; "Hoyle" has simply become a name for a book of rules of card games. . Visionary Fictions is a time-Something similar threatens to happen to the name "Fowler". Fowler's book has been an enduring success in part because of the very personal flavour he gave it. Of course, such a

prescriptive and descriptive grammarians Dr Burchfield has produced an equivalent for the 1990s: but I am doubtful of its right to call itself an edition of Fowler's book. Fowler is often cited, but little of the original flavour survives. Compare, for exam-

Adjectives Misused with Burchfield's THE NEW FOWLER'S MODERN ENGLISH article Adjective. Burchfield's con-**USAGE** tains a great deal of Edited by usefui information R. W. Burchfield which Fowler did OUP. £16.99 not give; but not a word of Fowler's wise stylistic advice

On the inside flap, the publishers ill-advisedly quote Churchill's recommendation to consult Fowler on the difference between "intense" and "intensive". Fowler draws the distinction with great clarity; Burchfield will leave most readers confused about it.

The article illustrates Burchfield's tendency to introduce his explana-tions with a history of the words involved: he insinuates that their original use has as much authority as the use to which they have come to be

> cause of the blurred effect of several of his entries. Burchfield has had to face another problem. The original Fowler was a paradigm of prescriptivism. In an

atmosphere an is judged virtuous by the degree to which he vows allegiance to the descriptive principle, it is hard to be chosen to re-edit Fowler, Burchfield has articles on "descriptive grammar" and on "prescriptivism", and contrives to convey that a writer's preference between them is a matter of temperament; it depends, rather. on whether he regards all linguistic changes as benign or some as harmful and therefore to be resisted.

Burchfield oscillates between one attitude and the other. On occasions he is so prescriptive as to term deviant speakers "miscreants"; more often, he eschews partiality by expressing no opinion at all.

There is, of course, much of value in this book. Yet it may not be possible for anyone to compile a successful equivalent to Fowler's famous book, given the prevalent views of those who consider themselves experts on language (among whom, Burchfield explains to us in his preface, Fowler had no right to count himself); for they do not believe that anyone ought to do what Fowler did so well.

Michael Dummett is Wykeham Professor Emeritus of Logic in the University of Oxford: his book, A Wicked Pack of Cards, co-authored with R. Decker and T. Depaulis, will be published next month by

# Questions raised and a rumour laid to rest

The rumour went like this: Tchaikovsky did not die from cholera as officially stated, but committed suicide. He did this by taking poison after an ultimaturn from a "court of honour" convened by his old school fellows to avert the threat of a major homosexual scandal. This supposedly involved an outraged uncle. Count Stenbock, protecting a Stenbock nephew at risk from Tchaikovsky's admiration. The uncle had threatened to petition the Tsar - some versions have the Tsar himself invisting that the composer end his life.

It was never more than the prattle of a few fantastists but in recent years the rumour has been put forward as fact by one minor Russian and Iwo

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**Duncan Fallowell** TCHAIKOVSKY'S

LAST DAYS A Documentary Study By Alexander Poznansky Clarendon Press, E20 ISBN 0 19816696 X

major British biographers the British particularly seem at home with this combination of sexual guilt and prefectorial public school nastiness.

The rumour always sounded "wrong" and totally unRussian. Provided that a certain discretion is observed, Russians are traditionally very generous in matters of the heart and even the slightest acquaintance with its literature will show that 19thcentury Russia was sexually free compared with England At the very worst, Tchaikovsky might have been asked to go abroad for a little while. And an enforced suicide would have involved a cover-up that would have been impossible to sustain at the time and an infinitely greater scandal than

eyes cast at the wrong person.

Now Alexander Poznansky,



The young Peter Ilych Tchaikovsky (left) with his parents and siblings in 1848

Russian historian currently at Yale, whose own biography of Tchaikovsky is by lar the best we have, puts an end to the nonsense once and for all with this triumph of exemplary scholarship and judgment. It consists of an introduction, documents throwing an intense light on the last weeks of the composer's life, plus

footnotes, commentary and epilogue. The progress of the cholera is harrowing to read but vivid and incontrovertible. In addition the author demonstrates how homosexuality was an established feature of Russian life, how there was not a single prosecution for it among the educated class in the 19th century, how Tchai-

kovsky was loved for his sweet and modest character as well as for his music, how he was cherished by the Imperial Family and given a state funeral, how two of his school fellows lived more or less openly as homosexuals, how he became — after the disaster of his marriage - rather well-

as his "natural tendencies", how though sometimes melancholic he was full of plans for the future at the time of his death in 1893, and so on.

The rumour arose partly because of this suddenness but also, Poznansky writes, as a Russian "response to the trial of Oscar Wilde in 1895. The parallels are too obvious for mere accident: the famous writer is replaced by a no less famous composer, Lord Alfred Douglas by the young aristocrat Stenbock-Fermor, and the Marquess of Queensberry by an enraged uncle."

is at this point that all biographers of the story have failed to notice something of the greatest interest: at precisely this period a young Count Stanislaus Stenbock was living in London as a flamboyant homosexual and poet, a member of the Wilde-Beardsley-Years circle. He divided his time between Kensington and his estates in Estonia. The St Petersburg Stenbocks would have been well aware of their Anglicised scion (he went to Balliol) and of his character.

He drank excessively and took to opium and died by inadvertently falling into a fireplace in 1895 at the age of 35. Clearly he would feed very significantly into the so-called persecution of Tchaikovsky by the Stenbock family but in what exact way remains to be investigated — perhaps by the illustrious Professor Poznansky at a later date.

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# Bargains of the week — from a fortnight in Kerala for £299 to a Dover to Calais ferry day trip for £5

#### HOLIDAYS

CUBAN cruises are on offer from £599 a person from the Cruise Network with departures on the next four Mondays. The cost includes return London-Havana flights and full board on the ship, which also calls at ports in Jamaica and Mexico. Details: 01772

■ A TREASURE hunt forms part of a three-night, self-drive break in Normandy with Inntravel Shortbreaks. The EISS-a-head price includes a Portsmouth to Cherbourg ferry crossing on November 28, returning from Le Havre, and half-board accommodation at three separate hotels. Details:

INDIA for a 16-day tour taking in palaces, mosques, temples and a deserted city is on offer from Explore Worldwide. The price is £1.095, including return flights de-parting on November 30, bed and breakfast accommodation and all internal travel. Details: 01252 319448.

KERALA, southern India, for £299 for a formight with flights from Gatwick on December I and 8 and bed and breakfast accommodation is on offer from Holiday Place. Details: 0171-435 8071.

KENYA for a fortnight for £405 a person with half-board son holiday is available from Lunn Poly, departing from Gatwick on December 1. Details from the company's Holi-

■ FUERTEVENTURA for £159 for a week's self-catering or £199 for a fortnight with a flight from Gatwick on December 4 is on offer from Inspirations, Details: 01293

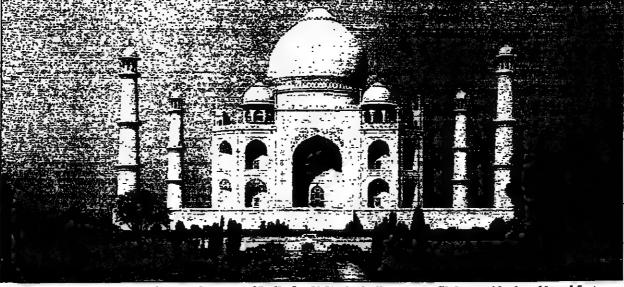
■ MADEIRA for a week for £199 a person. Flights leave and bed and breakfast accommodation is available from Co-op Travelcare, Details: 0161-827 1030.

■ CELEBRATE Christmas early with a "turkey and tinsel" break in the Peak District from December 4 or the Somerset hills from December 11 with Countrywide Holidays. The price for two nights' in a country guest house, a guided walk and Christmas dinner is £76 a person. Details: 0161-446 2226.

**LAST-MINUTE** offers to visit Santa in Lapland are available from Norvista with three-night packages from December 7 and 13 costing £630 for adults, £445 for children. Details: 0171-409 7334.

A NEW YEAR'S EVE ball in St Petersburg is an optional but costly extra from Steppes East as part of a four-night package from December 29 to January 2. The cost of flights, bed and breakfast accommodation and sightseeing is £880 each. Details: 01285 810267.

A BOHEMIAN tour lasting of nine days, including nights in Budapest, Prague and Vienna, is featured in Insight Holidays' 1997 brochure. The £830-a-person price includes return BA flights, excursions and some meals. Details: 0990 143433.



Leave on November 30 for a 16-day tour of India for £1,095 including return flights and bed and breakfast

## FLIGHTS

CHRISTMAS shopper fares to London are being marketed by British Airways. The day-return fares cost £59 from Manchester, £65 from Belfast, Edinburgh, Glasgow, Newcastle, Newquay and Jersey and £69 from Inverness and Aberdeen. Details 0345 222111.

■ SABENA is promoting Brussels as a cut-price gateway to the Continent. The airline's latest Bravo fares are available from most UK airports via Brussels to 38 continental points. Examples from London include Berlin £109, Milan Ell9, Munich E99. Rome El39 and Vienna El49. Details: 0181-780 1444.

NON-STOP business-class flights to New York from Gatwick or Manchester priced at £1,481 (only a little more

than the full economy fare) are available from the Travelbug. Details: 0161-740 8998.

■ LUFTHANSA will provide two business-class tickets to Germany for the price of one and a half when you book through American Express Travel. Details: 0171-929 0334.

■ DELAY your trip to Austra-lia until after the new year rush and a return ticket with Japan Airlines to Sydney. Brisbane or Cairns, will cost £599 through FETC. Details 0171-414 8808.

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31. Details: 0990 980980. SEA France is cheaper on Dover-Calais day-trips. Cars cost £5 and £1 is charged for each passenger (£10 car sup-plement on Saturdays). Foot passengers travelling out and back on the same sailing can travel for 50p, Valid until December 31. Details: 0990

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■ STENA Line has £15 car returns, El-a-car passenger, on routes from Harwich, Newhaven, Dover and until November 30, Southampton-Cherbourg; £10 supplements apply on Saturday sailings

from Dover and Newhaven. on Friday from Southampton and Harwich. Details: 0990

FOR longer ferry trips, Scandinavian Seaways has three days/two nights at sea mini cruises from Harwich to Esbjerg (Denmark) leaving on November 26; Hamburg (28) and Gothenburg (29). Prices from £59 include breakfast and a sightseeing trip. Details: 0990 333111.

A TEN per cent discount offer on all Brittany Ferries routes has been extended for bookings made before November 30. The offer applies to car and four passengers on the company's six routes to northwestern France and Spain. Details: Eurodrive, 0181-3344000.

SAVINGS of up to 35 per cent are available at 20 hotels in the Concorde Hotel Group as part of its winter rates offer. Rooms start at £79 a night and include seven Paris hotels. the St James Court in London and the Metropol in Brussels. Details: 0800 181 591.

■ CITADINES, the French apartment hotel group, has opened its first Apparthotel in the UK in South Kensington, offering 92 apartments at rates starting at £80 for a twoperson studio a night, reduc-ing to £72 a night for seven nights and £64 a night for more than 21 nights. Details: 0171-543 7878.

THE Lowndes Hotel in Knightsbridge, has a winter rate from December 15 until February 28 of £140 plus VAT for single or double occupancy. Details: 0171-8231234.

TAKE a weekend break at the Pennington Midland Hotel in Bradford, from £39.50 a person a night, including din-ner, from November 23 until February 2 and see the Linda McCarmey photographic exhibition at the city's National Museum of Photography. Details: 01274 735 735.

THE Montcalm Hotel at Marble Arch in London has a Christmas rate from £225 a person for two nights with its seasonal menu under the control of its new head chef, Jonathan Nicholson, formerly at Congham Hall in Norfolk. Details: 0171-402 4288.

■ THE 80-room Carlton Ambassador Hotel located in the heart of The Hague has a

weekend package rate of £140 until the end of the year of two nights, including breakfast, for two people. Details: 0181-905 3348.

TAKE a shopping trip to the Lakeside shopping centre in Essex and stay at the nearby Stifford Moat House, a Georgian country house set in six acres. Weekend breaks before Christmas cost £32 a person a night. Details: 01708 719 988.

MUTFIELD Priory Hotel at Redhill, Surrey, has a special post-Christmas rate, from January 1 to February 28, of E50 a person a night based on double occupancy. This indudes breakfast, dinner and use of the hotel's health and fitness facilities. Details: 01737

THE newly renovated Hotel Astoria in Brussels has a weekend concert invitation" package, including dinner (with cocktails and wine) and a classical music concert at the hotel on a Sunday morning followed by lunch. Price is Bfr5,300 (about £100) a person a night based on double occupancy, available until March 31. Details: 0181-741

THE NEW Crown Club floor at London's Grosvenor House Hotel, renovated at a cost of £45,000 a room, offers unpacking by the Crown Club butler, along with complimentary pressing of two suits. A way transfer to Heathrow is included in the room rate of £280 a night single occupancy, £300 double. Details: 0171-499

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By Harvey Elliott

HOLIDAYMAKERS could

face surcharges next summer because of a sudden big rise in

which include flights on scheduled airlines that have

not "hedged" their fuel costs.

or where the tour operator does not have a "no sur-

An emergency meeting of the world's leading scheduled

airlines was told this week

that the price of aviation fuel

has gone up by 43 per cent in

the past 12 months and by 37

As fuel prices account for

nearly II per cent of total

operating costs, airlines have

decided to apply for an across-

the-board increase on pub-

lished scheduled fares of 3 per

None of the major interna-

tional airlines has demanded

extra money from tour opera-

tors to pay for the higher charges and most need to give

at least ten weeks' notice of an

intention to increase the price.

But Chris Kirker, chairman of

the Association of Indepen-

dent Tour Operators, warned

that they would fight any

attempt to pass on the addi-

board is not warranted." he

said. "We will resist any move

to impose such an increase on

our members who have al-

ready published their bro-

chures and who therefore

cannot pass any increase on to

Most big charter airlines

season. The big airlines bought their fuel for this

winter in April and, for a small premium, guaranteed

that they would not have to pay more whatever happened

their customers."

"Three per cent across the

tional costs to his members.

cent from December 15.

per cent since June alone.

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the price of aviation fuel. The surcharges are likely to be imposed on packages,

# Fuel rise

# Leave us to pick to pick our own holidays

The dust from the storm whipped up by the Of-fice of Fair Trading's surprise decision to refer the travel industry to the Monopolies and Mergers Commis-sion is finally beginning to

Through the murk it is becoming increasingly clear that during the next 12 months of soul-searching within the industry, the needs and demands of real people - the millions who want to pay as little as possible for a top quality holiday — are not on the agenda. Instead, the investigation will revolve around a largely arcane battle over

John Bridgeman, the director general of the Office of Fair Trading, took more than 16 months to complete his own investigation and by all accounts rather relished the last few months during which he tried privately to persuade the biggest tour operators to change their trading practices. In the end he failed to convince Martin Brackenbury. the Thomson negotiator, of the force of his argument and



in frustration passed the mat-ter on to "higher authority" to

The Government is, of course, delighted that yet another decision can be deferred until after the general election. And the Opposition can blame the Government for the inertia without having \$171 782 to produce a detailed policy of

> The whole exercise was forced upon the Office of Fair Trading by the vociferous ssociation of Independent Four Operators, whose 150: members have complained bitterly that they cannot com-pete sairly with the big tout operators on price. They are gue that their brochures should be displayed in the big multiple travel agents such as Luan Poly. Going Places, Thomas Cook and A.T. Mayer alongside those of Thomas on. Airtours, First Choice and BRIDSH holidayatakers to

lic should be told clearly which tour operator owas which travel agency. They complain that the big boys are overcharging for insurance to cut their headline prices while small travel agents are being forced to the wall by the big chains offering selected

Independent travel agents also argue that while the hig chains stock only between 150 and 200 brochures at any one time they stock up to 800. thereby giving the consumer a wider choice. But I do not believe that anyone who stocks 800 separate brochures knows much about more than a handful of them. Better, surely, to be an expert in a few than a dullard at a lot.

While the trade coulings to tear itself apart with matters which may be of prime importance to itself, the mass of holidaymakers continue to buy largely on price — and that means package holidays from the big tour operators bought and booked through big travel agents.

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in touch a little

There is, however, a growing demand for high quality. well planned, exclusive, independent holidays, which usually cost more than the packages offered by the iants Holidaymakers who buy these need detailed personal service which, surely, small agents and tour operators can provide. The last thing we consumers need is government interference, in choosing a holiday, And we certainly do not want an "Offiol" bureaucracy. Would that our voice could be heard at the MMC.

#### TRAVEL ON SATURDAY

City break: istanbul Yemen Tokyo and Kyoto Travelling the A1 Christmas Travel tips insider's **Paris** 

As record numbers choose a holiday afloat, the old lady of Cunard saves money by going slow

# Cruises vie for custom in boom market

Caribbean Cruise Line, says:

"Anyone is a a potential cruise

passenger today. One of the

reasons why cruising has re-mained a minority interest for

holidaymakers is that those

responsible for selling it have

wasted too much time preach-

He says that greater efforts

should be made to overcome

the misconceptions about

cruising and to convince tour-

ists that it is no longer expen-

sive, formal and claustro-

The bargains on offer also

reflect the growing capacity of

the cruise industry. Last year,

132,000 berths were available

worldwide but that is expected

to increase by about 40 per cent to 185,000 by the end of

the century.

Carnival Cruise Lines has recently launched Destiny, the

world's largest cruise ship, and Celebrity Cruises will shortly be launching its new star. Galaxy. Fred Olsen's Blackwatch has entered the

UK market, while Oriana,

P&O's flgaship, has gained

increasing popularity among

which is expected to continue

during the next five years, and

growing consumer demand, has led the Passenger Ship-

ping Association to predict that, by 2001, 600,000 United

Kingdom passengers will be

choosing to cruise, an increase

of nearly 50 per cent on

present figures.

The increase in capacity,

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CRUISING, once the prerogative of the rich, is increasingly being offered as a bargain holiday, as shipping com-panies vie to attract a new clientele aboard their bur-

geoning fleets.

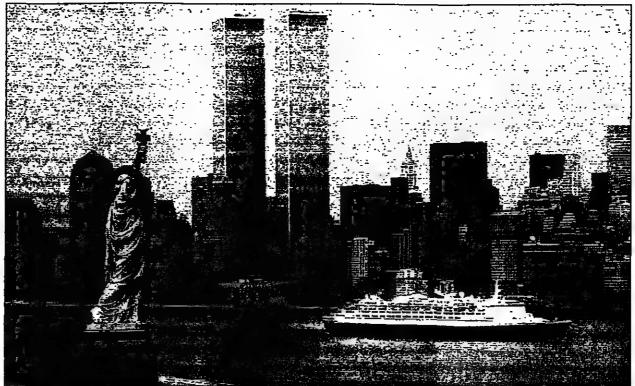
Travel agents are promoting cut-price deals, with Co-op Travelcare offering up to 30 per cent discounts on selected cruises next year - especially to the Caribbean - and Lunn Poly's 800 Holidays Shops also offering substantial savings.

The cruise companies are cutting prices for those who book early, with P&O Cruises offering savings of up to 20 per cent on bookings made before the end of this month, and Princess Cruises promising up to £300 off some brochure prices for those who book 60 days in advance.

The deals represent a concerted attempt to convince holidaymakers that cruising need no longer be expensive. The cruise companies have suddenly realised there is a huge market and are trying to make holidaymakers aware that cruising is affordable," says John Pittalis, spokesman for the Passenger Shipping Association.

"With operators like Air-tours and Thomson entering the market, prices have come down and it is quite possible to take a two-week cruise in the Caribbean or Mediterranean for a price comparable to an all-inclusive package holiday in the same region."

Carnival is predicting an



Slowly does it - the Cunard flagship will save fuel and wear and tear on her journeys to and from New York

# E2 decides to take it easy

THE transatiantic liner Queen Elizabeth  $\Pi$  is to reduce its speed next year, taking six days on the crossing from Southampton to New York instead of five. The cut in the Cunard flagship's service speed from 28.5 to 23 knots is designed to save £660,000 in fuel in a year, as well as making further savings by imposing less wear and tear on the ship's diesel-electric

"As Concorde can get you across the Atlantic in under four hours, speed is not an issue," said Captain Keith Stanley, the QE2's Master. He believes his passengers want more leisurely travel, and that the new schedule will assure more consistent embarkation and disembarkation times. "With a top speed of 33 knots, we will still have plenty of power in reserve if we find we're running late," he

The 70,000 ton liner, 30 years old next

for 1997 is a 60 per cent further

increase of UK business

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By GLYN GENTN

September, goes into the King George V dry-dock at Southampton today for a £12 million refit — the first time such work has been carried out in a British yard since the end of the Falklands War in 1982. QE2 has sailed more than four million miles and carried more than two

million passengers since her launch. Cunard and the shipyard are deter-mined to avoid the financial and public relations disaster which followed the last refit and have had a project team planning the work for the past 18 months. The ship is due to return to service on

Cunard's new owners, Kvaerner ASA, are to concentrate on the luxury end of the international cruise market. They sold the middle-ranking, 900 passenger, Crown Dynasty earlier this month.

"The QE2 is unique, the last express liner in regular Atlantic service," said Cunard spokesman Bill Spears.

Cunard hopes to attract business travellers - people moving jobs between Europe and North America. These have their cars garaged and pets kenneled aboard free of charge.

QE2 will make only 20 North Atlantic

crossings in 1997, compared with 27 this year. Longer, warm-water cruises are planned, including a spring sailing from New York to Southampton via the Caribbean, Madeira and Tenerife.

1,500. QE2's five restaurants will all become single-sitting.

modern-day versions of the migrants who made the shipping companies fortunes at the turn of the century will

Two hundred and sixty of the ship's least expensive berths are to be taken out

of service, reducing passenger capacity to

have "hedged" the cost of buying fuel and are unlikely to feel the effect of the increases able from Co-op Travelcare. until next winter. P&O Cruises is offering a Tour operators now buying week-long "Greek Odyssey" seats on charter airlines are trip on Oriana next Septemwell into their winter season ber from £591 a person, while and the prices quoted in their brochures are, generally, guaranteed throughout the a ten-night Canaries Carousel

# US hotels 'forbidden' to sell Disney tickets

BY DAVID CHURCHILL

from buying Disney themepark tickets in their hotels because of a row between Walt Disney World and its major rivals including Universal Studios, See World and Wet n' Wild.

Universal, 50 per cent owned by Britain's Rank Organisation, claims that Disney has prevented 19 hotels in the Orlando area from selling Disney admission tickets because these hotels also sell a

number of Orlando hotels, which includes free transfer from the hotels as well as other benefits.

The Universal budget pass was brought in last May to combat Disney's market dom-inance and offers a five-day ticket for adults to the three main non-Disney Orlando Parks for about £66, almost half the £124 cost of a five-day pass to the Disney parks. Nearly a million British holiadmission tickets has rankled

Disney and forced it to take a tough line with hotels in the Universal alliance, allegedly stopping them from selling Disney tickets. Already the move has hit British holidaymakers. Debbie Gilmour, on holiday from Glasgow and staying at the Gateway EconoLodge in Orlando, told US news media who are avidly reporting the battle the theme park giants: "When I got to the hotel

new and very successful bud. daymakers will visit. Walt I wanted to buy Disney tickets with "about 50 non-Disney new animal-based theme get pass to non-Disney parks, Disney World this year." and they told me they could hotels in Orlando under our park, a sports complex and to This pass is part of an alliance. Universal's success with the not sell them. I did not believe "good neighbour" scheme". new hotels by the end of the it." She eventually found tickets at a shopping mall near by but she said that it was a "horrible inconvenience"

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al cruise market.'

The Embassy Suites in Orlando is reported to be another hotel, which is on the alleged Disney "blacklist". The threat of litigation is

causing both sides to maintain a public silence on the dispute, although a Disney spokesman in London confirmed that Disney had recently launched its own marketing alliance

Behind the ticketing dispute

ten, Dominica, Barbados and

Martinique. Among other bar-

gain offers currently being

promoted are a nine-day fly-

cruise around the Western

Caribbean next November for

£975 and a fortnight's cruise

off the coast of Africa next

is Disney's concern over Universal's new £1.6 billion expansion plans over the next two years to triple the size of its existing theme park and build four new resort hotels. Universal is also joining plans by the local authority to build a E141 million light-rail system that will link the airport, the major tourist hotels and the theme parks - apart from Disney. Disney, in turn, is spending an estimated £2 billion on a

Tourist analysts, however, remain doubtful whether Orlando's visitor growth -- projected at 5 per cent per annum - will be sufficient to meet this increased incapacity. International markets - of which the UK is the leader with 1.3 million visitors this year remain vulnerable to fears over violence. Visitor numbers from Germany, for example, were halved after the shooting of a German tourist last year.

next June aboard Canberra on

its last cruising season will

to the spot market price.
In July, when they made their long-term purchases for next summer, aviation fuel was selling at \$180 a ton. By last week this had risen to \$220 a ton and yesterday was trading at \$250 a ton. Experts predict that the price rise will slow down, and could fall back to about \$220 a ton by the end of the winter. But even so, at the end of the

winter season, when airlines have to buy their fuel for next winter, they could face increases of at least 25 per cent. The reason for the increase is the surge in demand for air travel together with the closure of a number of refineries.

## **Foreign Office** 'blacklists' 7 countries

TRAVELLERS are being warned to stay away from a record number of countries now appearing on the For-eign Office "blacklist", Harvey Elliott writes.

In advice distributed to the travel industry and given to independent travellers who inquire in person, the consular division of the FO advises against all travel to seven nations, plus five regions. It also advises against trav-

elling to another six countries and one other region "unless Nobody should travel to Afghanistan, Algeria, Burun-di, Iraq, Liberia, Somalia and

Western Sahara. The FO also warns against going to Bou-gainville Island in Papua New Guinea, the Chechen Republic of Russia, Irian Jaya in Indonesia, Jammu and Kashmir, India, and to Kivu

in Zaire. There is also a warning. against travelling unless on essential business to Angola, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Central African Republic. Rwanda, Tajikistan, Zaire and to eastern and southeast-



Visitors to the Central American country are attracted by its lakes and volcanoes

# Guatemala wants warning lifted

By TONY DAWE

THE Foreign Office has been asked to lift its formal warning to travellers to Guatemala, which attracts 600,000 visitors every year but only a few hundred from Britain.

Richard Callaway, the country's recently appointed director of tourism, has met senior consular officials in London to convince them that tourists can travel safely and to remind them that America has witdrawn its warnings.

"I have asked the Foreign Office to evaluate the measures we are taking and to reconsider its travel advice." altogether. The call for a change in Mr Callaway said. "Security in the main areas of Guatema attitude is supported by Trips la City has been tightened and

safer with better signs and paving to prevent vehicles from having to slow down." The Foreign Office warns travellers that "violent crime is prevalent throughout the country, muggers are often well armed and armed attacks

we are making our highways

on public buses are common". However, it does not advise people to avoid the country

Worldwide, the Bristol-based company, which specialises in Central American holidays. "We have organised tailormade itineraries for hundreds of clients and no one has returned with any personal experiences of crime or violence," Jo Campbell, Trips director said.

# Where the planes leave on time

HOLIDAYMAKERS flying from Birmingham and Luton early this summer were more. likely to take off on time than those flying from other airports, according to the Department of Transport, Harvey Elliott writes.

Sixty-five per cent of flights from Birmingham and 64 per cent from Luton left within 15

minutes of the scheduled time.

according to figures compiled

per cent of those taking off from Gatwick were within 15 minutes of the published time. While charter flights suffered, scheduled airlines were much more punctual. Eighty per cent of all the scheduled

flights monitored were on time in the second quarter of this year - 2 per cent fewer than in the same period last year. The on-time performance of for the department by the Civil ... scheduled services slipped at

Aviation Authority. Only 46 six of the seven airports covered in the survey and only Birmingham, with a punctuality rate of 88 per cent, was the same as in the second quarter Regional airports generally

performed better with both scheduled and charter flights than those serving London. On average, 78 per cent of scheduled flights and 49 per cent of charters from London's four main airports were with-

in 15 minutes of the published time, while at the regional airports of Manchester. Birmingham and Glasgow the averages were 80 per cent and per cent respectively.

When the figures for the peak summer period are produced they are expected to show a further decline in punctuality, despite a 10 per cent fall in the number of charter flights during the

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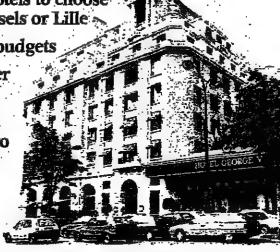
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# Fee-paying adds value

John O'Leary explains the benefits of

paying for an independent

education

ndependent schools, as usual, dominated yesterday's examination league tables. Although quirks in the system may undervalue the performance of many of the leading lights, the quality of the sector still

Winning a place in an elite school, such as Westminster or St Paul's, in London, is not easy. They are among the and many of the big city day schools have at least five applicants for every place. tatistics suggest that If a

child is no more than average academically, it is still worth parting with the fees for what were once known condescendingly as minor public schools. Studies carried out for the Department for Education

and Employment show that sixth-formers with modest GCSE results do better at Last year's DFEE analysis

found that independent school pupils outscored those in the state system at every level. Of those achieving less than the equivalent of eight C grades at GCSE, almost half of privately-educated candidates scored at least ten points at A level, compared with less than a quarter of those in the state

Nick Bevan, the headmaster of Shiplake College, at Henley-on-Thames, says: "Schools like ours take kids from a wide range of backgrounds, and our recent inspections said we were producing above-average results with average pu-pils. The top schools are taking people who are going to get four As anywhere, but for some of our boys a couple of Es is a real achievement."

The secret of Shiplake's success, according to Mr Bev-an, lies in small classes and a dedicated staff. Most boys are restricted to eight GCSEs, allowing them an extra lesson a week in each subject.

Mr Bevan, who is the next chairman of the Society of tresses of Independent



Portland Place school is hoping word of mouth will increase its number of pupils

Schools, added: "League tables do have a damaging impact because parents automatically assume that schools above us are better, rather than just having a better clientele. Once we are able to show the improvement between 13 and 16, we will show

That time is not far off, now schools' associations have agreed to test pupils on entry and compile their own "value

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added" tables. Pilot projects will start in a number of schools next year and may be introduced nationally in 1998.

The Girls' Schools Association, which is one of the partners in the scheme, hopes that the 45-minute tests may become the model for all schools in England. The aim is to measure (Q, prior achieveacademics at Durham University to assess each year's GCSE results against pupils'

natural ability. Until the new system is introduced, parents will have to rely mainly on recommendations to find the 200d schools that the league tables fail to identify. A grow-ing number of independent schools are also making their inspection reports available to

schools undergo inspections by the Office for Standards in Education each year, but there are two similar inspection

systems operating in the private sector. The Headmasters' and Headmistresses' Conference organises teams of senior staff to inspect its members' schools, while the Indepen-dent Schools Joint Council deals with other associations.

and staff. Frankly, when

parents come here they are interviewing me."

Schools are not obliged to publish inspection findings, most will issue the Although not as hard-hitting as Ofsted reports, they are an invaluable source of informa-

## Chance to catch up on league tables

READERS who missed yes-terday's school league tables have two immediate opportumities to catch up with the

The 24-page results supplement published in *The Times* is available through the paper's internet edition, and booklets giving the full statis-tics for every local authority area can be ordered from the Department for Education and Employment.
The tables are already

available in the back issues section of Interactive Times, which can be found at: http://www.the-times.co.uk. They will remain in the education section of Information

Central libraries will stock tables for their area, but members of the public may order their own copies via Freephone 0800 242322 or by writing to: School and College Performance Tables, DFEE. Freepost (LON 6283), London E3 3BR. The information will also appear on the depart ment's internet site.

Separate booklets for each area include information on vocational qualifications and the number of pupils receiving help for special educational needs, as well as statistics on GCSE. A levels and ab-

### TOMORROW

School or college? With more teenagers than ever wanting a change of scene after GCSE, we weigh up the options and look at the marketing war

# Why children at prep schools get the best results

David Tytler on the benefits of small class sizes

and specialist teaching in the private sector

league tables to see how well their local schools have done, they may also be wondering how they can assess how well their own children will do in the

to cater for up to 250 II to 18year-old boys and girls was the easy part. Now it is up to Richard Walker, the head-master, and his 24 staff to The best predictor of GCSE grades, says David Hanson, director of education for the Incorporated Association of Preparatory Schools (IAPS), are the reconvince parents to spend the £5,835 annual fees on a place. "It will take some time sults of the national curriculum tests for II-year-olds -Key Stage 2 Sats, in the

Head aims

to build up

new school

PORTLAND Place School in central London is one of those

rare phenomena — a new independent secondary school, David Charter writes.

More than £1 million has

been put into the ambitious

venture to carve out a niche in

one of the country's most

Obtaining and refurbishing

two impressive listed Geor-gian houses in Portland Place

hear about you is through word of mouth," says Mr Walker, former head of chemistry at St Paul's Girls School in London. "But if you have got one happy customer it generally means a couple more will be referred." jargon.

He says: "The tests are a sound prediction of future performance. Prep schools have very good results at Key Stage 2 and they are gaining in importance for Portland Place was set up

parents choosing a school."
At Key Stage 2 this year, 91
per cent of IAPS pupils by the Davies Laing and Dick group which already runs ten prep. pre-prep and sixth form colleges. It started in tempogained national curriculum level 4 or above in English compared with the reported rary buildings before moving to its present site, and offers national average of 56 pe the national curriculum range cent; 89 per cent achieved the same levels in mathematics compared with the reported to small class groups. For sports it uses nearby Regent's Park, the local authority pool 53 per cent. and a private gym.

In science, IAPS schools There are currently 110 puscored 93 per cent compared with the state school average pils. This summer it had an excellent A level average of 22 of 82 per cent. In English, 39 points — for its two entrants. Mr Walker adds: "I don't per cent of prep school pupils reached level 5 or think people choose schools above; 48 per cent in mathemainly on exam results, they matics and 41 per cent in se it on the people they meet and faith in the head

The prep school results will not be published when the state school figures are published next March. But they will be available to prospective par-ents, particularly if the school has done well. While it is not compulsory, most prep schools follow the national curriculum, and enter their pupils for the end of key stage tests at 11. Hugh Davies Jones, chair-

man of IAPS and Headmas-Eastbourne, says: tests were externally marked and subject to the same rigorous audit as those in state schools. The results demonstrate that standards remain very high in prep schools, particularly in the

'three Rs'.
"Of course, preparatory schools should be outscoring their state counterparts, not only because of our small class sizes and specialist teaching, but because we have enjoyed freedom and independence over the past 25 years of turbulent educa-tional history."

Mr Hanson says: "The most marked difference between state schools and prep schools at Key Stage 2 is probably specialist subject teaching. As children progress through prep school, they gradually change from whole-class to subject-based teaching. At the end of Key Stage 2 some pupils are working at GCSE level. It is unacceptable to expect a single class teacher to be able

to teach all ten subjects of the national curriculum to this "Sadly it would appear that in our country, status is attached to the age of the children we teach. This attitude is not only wrong, it is

very damaging and inhibits graduate subject specialists from entering primary schools. So far this problem is less prevalent in prep schools and they continue to benefit from an increasingly young, dynamic and talent ed teaching force." The other key factor, says Mr Hanson, is the number

of children in a class: "The skills of the teacher may be paramount, but there is no doubt that a teacher can give more time and attention to a class of 15 or 20 than he or she can to a class of 30 or 40. Small classes are very popular with parents and another reason why they choose prep schools and why teachers

njoy working in them." The good prep school will good schools. It will treat its children as individuals who matter, provide security and firm but fair discipline, ensuring that they leave well prepared for senior school as

mature young adults. A visit to the school will reveal much: the way children behave, whether they are friendly, happy and confi-dent and trusted to show visitors round the school. Visiting parents will learn more about what goes on in a school from a pupil in a matter of minutes than they will from the head in a day,

Among the questions to ask are: Does the school have a strong music or art department? Is there a strong sporting tradition? Which senior schools do the pupils move on to? How many scholarships do its pupils receive for senior

If you are not made to feel welcome, think again. A warm welcome is the least you should expect from a school that will be charging around £9.000 a year for boarding and £6,000 for a

Prep schools do have the advantage of being able to choose curriculum which they think are in the best interests of their children. Mr Hanson says: "Most IAPS schools do follow the revised national curriculum but consider it to be a minimum specification.

The National Curriculum can never provide sufficient conditions for learning, nor does it describe the culture values, or ethos of the school yet these aspects are critical in providing a quality learn-ing environment. They are one of the strengths of prep schools and greatly influ-ence parental choice."



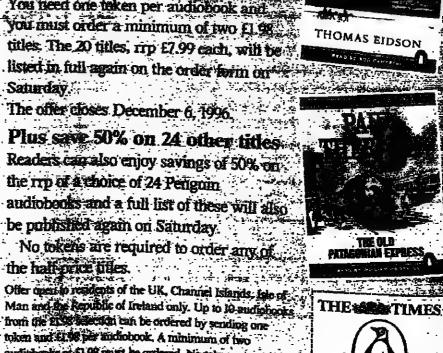
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# EC working hours directive was validly made

United Kingdom v Council of of directives, minimum requirethe European Union Case C-84/94

Before G. C. Rodríguez Iglesias, President and Judges G. F. Mancini, J. C. Moitinho de Almeida, J. L. Murray, L. Sevon. N. Kakouris, P. J. G. Kapteyn, C. Gulmann, D. A. O. Edward, J. P. Puissochet, G. Hirsch, P. Jann and H. Ragnemalm

Advocate General P. Leger (Opinion March 12) (Judgment November 12)

The Community directive which provided, inter alia, that the av-erage weekly working time of workers was not to exceed 48 hours, had been correctly adopted on the basis of article 118a of the EC Treaty, rather than on that of article 100 or article 235, and was not inconsistent with the principle of subsidiarity.

The Court of Justice of the European Communities so held, inter alia, when dismissing for the most part an application by the United Kingdom under article 173 of the EC Treaty for the annulment of Cosmeil Directive 93/104/EC of November 23, 1993 concerning certain aspects of the organisation of working time (OJ 1993 L307 pl8) and alternatively for the annu-ment of article 4, the first and second sentences of article 5, article o(2) and article 7 of the directive.

The court allowed the applica-tion to the extent of annulling the second sentence of article 5. Article 100 of the Treaty provides: "The Council shall, acting unanimously on a proposal from

directives for the approximation of such laws, regulations or admin-istrative provisions of the member states as directly affect the establishment or functioning of the

Article 118a provides: "(1) Member states shall pay particular attention to encouraging improve-ments, especially in the working environment, as regards the health as their objective the harmonisation of conditions in this area, while maintaining the improvements made.

(2) in order to help achieve the objective laid down in the first naragraph. the Council, acting in referred to in article 189c (procedure for acting by a qualified majority ... shall adopt by means

ments for gradual implementation, having regard to the conditions and technical rules obtaining in each of the member

(3) The provisions adopted pursuant to this article shall not prevent any member state from maintaining or introducing more stringent measures for the protection of working conditions compat-

Article 235 provides: "If action by the Community should prove necobjectives of the Community and this Treaty has not provided the necessary powers, the Council shall, acting unanimously on a proposal from the Commission. take the appropriate measures.

In its judgment the European Court of Justice held: The directive, in accordance with article I, laid down minimum health and safety requirements for the organisation of working time. and applied to all sectors of activity, both public and private in the meaning of article 2 of Council Directive 89/391/EEC of June 12, 1989 on the introduction of measures to encourage improvements in the safety and health of workers at work (OJ 1989 1.183 pl), with

certain exceptions. Under section 11 of the directive, member states were obliged to take measures necessary to ensure that every worker was entitled to a minimum daily rest period of 11 consecutive hours per 24-hour period (article 3), to a rest break where the working day was longer than six hours, the details of such break to be determined by the two sides of industry or by national legislation (article 4), to a mini-mum uninterrupted rest period of 24 hours in each seven-day period, plus the 11 hours daily rest referred to in article 3 (article 5, first sentence), such period in principle to include Sunday (article 5, second tence), and to four weeks

annual paid leave. Article 6 required member states to take the measures necess ensure that the period of weekly working time was determined by the two sides of industry or by the average working time for each seven-day period, including overtime, did not exceed 48 hours.

Section III contained various requirements concerning night work, shift work and patterns of

work, and section IV contained miscellaneous provisions.

In support of its application, the United kingdom relied on four pleas, alleging: (i) that the legal basis of the directive was defective. (2) breach of the principle of proportionality, (3) misuse of powers, and (4) infringement of essential procedural requirements.

The United Kingdom contended that the directive should have been adopted on the basis of article 100 or 235 of the Treaty, which required unanimity within the Council, rather than, as was the case, on the basis of article 118a.

The United Kingdom argued, first, that article 118a had to be regarded as an exception to article which, pursuant to article 100a(2), was the article that covered provisions relating to the rights and interests of employed persons", and must therefore be strictly interpreted.

As the Court had pointed out in inion 2/91 [1993] ECR 1-1061 paragraph 17), article 118a con-ferred on the Community internal islative competence in the area of social policy. The existence of other provisions did not have the effect of restricting the scope of

Appearing as it did in the chapter of the Treaty dealing with social provisions, article 118a related only to measures concerning the protection of the health and safety of workers, and therefore than arucles 100 and 100a. That argument therefore could

Second, referring to the wording of article 118a, the United Kingdom argued that that provision permitted the adoption only of directives which had a genuine and objective link to the bealth and safety of workers, and that that did not apply to measures concerning working time, leave and rest periods, whose connection with the health and safety of workers was

was borne out by the expression "working environment" used in article 118a, which implied that directives based on that provision must be concerned only with physical conditions and risks at the

However, there was nothing in the wording of article 118a to indicate that the concepts of "work-

ing environment", "safety" and "health" as used in that provision should, in the absence of other indications, he interpreted restrictively, and not as embracing all factors, physical or otherwise, capable of affecting the health and safety of the worker in his working environment, including in particu

lar certain aspects of the organisation of working time. On the contrary, the words "especially in the working environment" militated in favour of a broad interpretation of the powers which article 118a conferred on the Council for the protection of the

health and safety of workers. The United Kingdom further argued that, in view of the reference to "minimum requirements" in article 118a(2), that provision empowered the Council to adopt harmonisation measures only at a level acceptable to all member states and constituting a minimum benchmark.

In conferring on the Council power to key down minimum requirements, article 1182 did not pre-judge the extent of the action which that institution might consider necessary in order to carry out the task expressly assigned to it, namely, to work in favour of improved conditions, as regarded to the ball the and the task express of many conditions. the health and safety of workers, while maintaining the improvements made.

The significance of "minimum requirements" was simply, as article I18a(3) confirmed, that member states were authorised to adopt more stringent measures than those forming the subject matter of Community action: see Opinion 2/91 (paragraph 18).

The Court then held that there was no support in the wording of article 118a for the United Kingdom's third argument, to the effect that Community action should be restricted to specific measures applicable to given groups of workers in particular situations, while measures for wider purposes should be adopted on the basis of sticle 100.

Article II8a referred to "workers" generally and stated that the objective which it pursued was to be achieved by the harmonisation of "conditions" in general existing in the area of the health and safety of those workers. in addition, the delimitation of

the respective fields of application of articles 100 and 100a, on the one hand, and article 118a, on the

between between the possibility of adopting general measures in the former case and particular ones in the latter, but on the principal aim

It followed that where the principal aim of the measure in question was the protection of the health and safety of workers. article 118a must be used, although such a measure might have an-cillary effects on the establishment and functioning of the internal

It was in the light of those, among other considerations that the Court had to examine whether the directive was properly adopted on the basis of article 118a.

Choice of legal basis As part of the system of Community competence, the choice of the legal basis for a measure had to be based on objective factors which were amenable to judicial review, including, in particular, the aim and content of the measure.

United Kingdom argued that it represented a continuation of earlier Community Initiatives concerning the organisation of working time in the interests of job creation and reduced unemployment, and was in reality a measure concerned with the overall improvement of the living and working conditions of employees and their general protection, and so broad in its scope and coverage as to be capable of classification as a social policy measure, for the adoption of which other legal bases existed.

According to the sixth recital in its preamble, the directive con-stituted a practical contribution towards creating the social dimen sion of the internal market.

the fact that the directive fell within the scope of Community social policy that it could not properly be based on article 118a, so long as it contributed to encouraging improvements as regarded the health and safety of workers, and the Court had concluded, in Opinion 2/91 at paragraph 17, that article 118a conferred on the Community internal legislative competence in the area of social policy. Moreover, the organisation of

working time was not necessarily conceived as an instrument of The approach taken by the directive, viewing the organisation terms of the favourable impact it might have on the health and safety of workers, was apparent from several recitals in its

While it could not be excluded that the directive might affect employment, that was clearly not its essential objective.

As regarded the content of the directive, the United Kingdom argued, on various grounds, that the connection between the measures it laid down, on the one hand, and health and safety, on the other, was too tenuous for the

In relation to one point made, a distinction must be drawn between the second sentence of article 5 of directive and its other

The question whether to include Sunday in the weekly rest period was ultimately left to the assessment of member states, having regard, in particular, to the diversity of cultural, ethnic and religious factors in the states. second sentence of article 5 read in

conjunction with the tenth recital. The Council had failed to explain why Sunday, as a weekly rest day, was more closely connected with the health and safety of workers than any other day of the week, and in those circumstances the second sentence of article 5, which was severable from the other provisions of the directive, must be annulled.

The other measures laid down by the directive, which referred to work night work shift work and the pattern of work, related to the "working environment" and re flected concern for the protection of "the health and safety of workers", the scope of which terms had already been explained earlier in

the judgment.
After considering the further points made by the United Kingdom, the Court concluded that It was clear that, in terms of its aim and content, the directive had as its principal objective the protection of the health and safety of workers by the imposition of minimum requirements for gradual im-plementation, and that, accordely, neither article 100 nor article 100s could have constituted the

necessary to improve the existing level of protection as regarded the health and safety of workers and to harmonise the conditions in that area while maintaining the improvements made, achievement of that objective through the imments necessarily presupposed Community-wide action, which otherwise, as in the present case, left the enactment of the detailed

implementing provisions required largely to the member states. As to article 235, it was apparent from the Court's case law that that article could be used as the legal basis for a measure only where no other Treaty provision conferred on the Community institutions the

It must therefore be held that the directive was properly adopted on the basis of article 118a, save for the second sentence of article 5, which must accordingly be annulled. The second plea

The United Kingdom's argument of non-compliance with the principle of subsidiarity was to be

It was said that the Community egislature had not established that the aims of the directive would be better served at Community than at national level, but that argument, as so formulated, really concerned the need for Com-munity action, which had already been examined earlier in the iudement

Futhermore, the United Kingdom based its argument on a conception of "minimum requirewhich differed from that in article IISa, that provision did not limit Community action to the lowest common denominator, or even to the lowest level of protec-tion established by the various member states, but meant that member states were free to provide than that resulting from Com-munity law, high as it might be.

The Court had held that, in order to establish whether a provision of Community law complied with the principle of proportionalthe means which it employed were suitable for the purpose of achie whether they did not go beyond what was necessary to achieve it. As to judicial review of those conditions, however, the Council

in an area which, as in the present case, involved the legislature in making social policy choices and required it to carry out complex

Judicial review of the exercise of that discretion must therefore be limited to examining whether it had been vitiated by manifest error or misuse of powers, or whether the institution concerned had its discretion.

So far as concerned the first had already been said in the judgment that the measures on the organisation of working time which formed the subject matter of the directive, save for that contained in the second sentence of article 5, contributed directly to the improvement of health and safety protection for workers in the meaning of article 118a, and could not, therefore, be regarded as unsuited to the purpose of achiev-

ing the objective pursued. Also, for reasons given by the Court, the Council did not commit any manifest error in taking the view that the objective of harmonising national legislation on the health and safety of workers, while maintaining the ments made, could not be achieved by measures less restric-

subject matter of the directive. The second plea must therefore

also be rejected. Third and fourth pleas

For reasons given by it, the Court held that the United King-dom had failed to establish that the directive was adopted with the exclusive or main purpose of achieving an end other than the of workers, and that there was no substance in the submission that the directive was inadequately or defectively reasoned.

The third and fourth pleas were therefore also rejected.

On those grounds, the Court of

I Annuiled the second sentence of article 5 of Directive 93/104 2 Dismissed the remainder of the

3 Ordered the United Kingdom to pay the costs, and 4 Ordered the Kingdom of Belgium, the Kingdom of Spain and the Commission of the European

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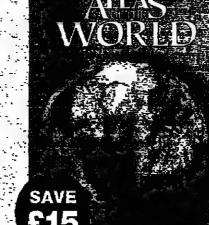
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# Advertising a sign of the good times for football

o real football supporters drink claret? Odd as it seems, this might now be their tipple of choice if we are to believe the advertising seen around some of the country's grounds at the weekend.

The message was there for all to sce as Derby County lined up in the rain against Middlesbrough at the Baseball Ground on Sunday. "Vin de Bordeaux" prohoardings that

They may label this the FA Carling Premiership, but advertising men know their markets well and those hoardings were blatantly aimed at the claret-drinking asses with the expensive season tickets; and nothing more clearly spells out the changes that have taken place in the profile of the great British football crowd.

rivers of working-class fans who traditionally plodded to the town or city stadium after spilling out of the factory gates at one o'clock on a winter Saturday. These days, the fans prefer to show up in cars and coaches, or simply to follow their

television, and many of the games do not even take place on a Saturday any more. With the intro-

duction of all-seat

stadiums after the stadiums after the skirted the pitch. Vin de Bordeaux? Taylor report, there were bound to be changes to the crowds Grounds are smaller for a start; but crowds are no less keen. The game has never been more popular. Never has it had such a following, so to keep the revenue high despite the smaller ground capacities, the ticket prices got

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At Chelsea, for instance, the best seats will cost you £40, and you will pay £2 for a programme and £1 for a cup of tea. But even at these prices, seats are hard to come by. Try getting into Newcastle United or Chelsea. You can't.

What has happened is that the dedicated followers of football have simply become more affluent and more educated. A recent national survey of fans published by the Sir Norman Chester Centre for football research at Leicester University shows how the supporter of the Nineties is becoming ever more sophisticated

Some of the findings are surprising, but they are certainly enough to have the marketing men eyeing up the opportunity to sell a good few cases of clarer.

Wimbledon, according to the survey, have more up-market supporters than most in the Premiership. Of the season-ticket holders who cheer on Vinnie Jones and his muddy men. 38.6 per cent have a



degree, compared with their two closest intellectual rivals. Manchester United (36.8 per cent) and Leeds United (34.6). Even Coventry City, bottom of the higher education league, could boast that 24.9 per cent of their season-ticket holders are graduates.

The survey also found that there a growing number of football spectators whose salaries exceed £30,000 a year. Chelsea fans, for instance, who were found to be generally low in education, are surprisingly high in salary. Another statistic that the marketing men will not have missed is that one in eight Premiership fans is now female, and the number is growing rapidly.

Today's football crowds are very different, both in size and in makeup, to those that saw the game grow into a mass spectator sport. When the Football League began business in 1888, the 12 founder members had to guarantee a regular crowd of 4,000 or more. But soon attendances were soaring. In 1893, when Wolverhampton Wanderers played Everton at Fallowfield, Manchester, in the FA Cup Final, the gate was 45,000. By 1901, with the final back in London, at Crystal Palace, 110,000 watched Tottenham Hotspur draw with Sheffield United.

These huge crowds were not made up of supporters eager to stock their cellars with vin de Bordeaux, but the sport they flocked to watch had originally emerged as a "gentleman's game'

 developed by the elite of the great public schools and universi-ties and codified by self-confident, middle-class Victorians.

The first laws of the game were framed at Cambridge University in the middle of the last century, with the representatives of such

schools as Eton and Shrewsbury present. The public schools dominated the early years of football - with the Old Etonians even winning the FA Cup twice, in 1879

and 1882. Today the public schools will tell you that interest in football has never been higher. "About 20 of the 50 boys in my house watch Premiership matches," Angus Graham-Campbell, an Eton

housemaster, reports.

The Boodle and Dunthorne Cup (the knockout football competition for independent schools) is booming as never before, with Eton, Shrewsbury, Westminster.

ter, Brentwood and Ardingly all playing, together with the northern grammar schools.

With the changing profile of the fans and the huge interest in football that now curs across all social groups and incomes, it

of the game has

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Cambridge a century and a half ago laws of the game, might well reflect that, with its all-seat stadiums, its new, affluent middle-class supporters, and its ever-growing attraction for the advertising industry, football as they knew it is

at last coming home.

And that is something which they might wish to toast — with a good drop of vin de Bordeaux.

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more popular'

# Sherry put on trial by the Spanish inquisition

FROM JOHN HOPKINS, GOLF CORRESPONDENT IN SOTOGRANDE

THE professional golf circuit in Europe started nearly 11 months ago and is not finished yet. Here in southern Spain this morning, 182 professional golfers intent upon competing against the likes of Colin Montgomerie, Ian Woosnam and Costantino Rocca on the PGA European Tour in 1997 will begin an elimination process that could hardly be tougher if it had been devised by Tomas de Torquemada, Spain's infa-

mous 15th century inquisitor. With the Andelucian hills in the background and the Mediterranean in the foreground, the would-be Ryder Cup stars will play six rounds on the Old Course at Sotogrande and at San Roque. At least the better ones will. The lesser ones will be eliminated after 72 holes. Those that survive will play two more rounds under



Sherry: test of nerve

ing 40 will have earned their

The card is their passport to compete on the European Tour in 1997, but is no guarantee of fame and fortune. Just ask Joe Higgins and Mike Miller. Higgins has been on and off the Tour for years without earning much money. He is making another attempt to get his card because winning the PGA regional order of merit this year enabled him to do so.

Miller, 45, has been around. seemingly, since irons with wooden shafts. The rookie of the year in 1979, he has never seriously troubled those who record the low scores at tournaments, but this year he had a good run in regional events in Scotland and finished 22nd on the Challenge Tour. He probably thought to himself: Another visit to the school? Why not? You never know. There's life in the old dog yet."

Not only will a majority of the competitors fail to get their cards this year, but there are also long odds against those that succeed having a year

like the one David Howell has iust had. Howell turned professional before the school last year, got through the qualifying and settled down in the professional ranks so well that he finished 54th in the order of merit with winnings of

If that sounds good, then consider the efforts of Raymond Russell and Padraig Harrington. Both won their cards at this event last year and throughout 1996 they seemed locked together in a Win more money.

Harrington, a Walker Cup edged out Russell by £17,000, in part thanks to winning the Spanish Open. The amount they each won goes some way towards explaining why so many young players hope they, too, are good enough to this continent can offer. Harrington took home £285,000 and Russell E268.000.

Paul Way, a Ryder Cup player in 1983 and 1985, had such a wretched season in 1996 that he has to qualify for next year, as does Mike McLean, who went to the same school in Kent at the same time as Way. Gordon J. Brand, 41, the 1983 Ryder Cup player, who won less than £7,000 this year, is trying again, as is Steve Webster, the leading amateur at the 1995 the winner of the school last ear was no guarantee for him this year. He won only E40.000, so it is down to Spain

One of the biggest names, as well as one of the biggest men. will be Gordon Sherry. The amateur for whom nothing went wrong in 1995 turned professional in April 1996, after which nothing went

right.
This time last year Sherry looked almost as good a prospect in Europe as Tiger Woods was in the United States. As Woods turns the world of American sport on its head, Sherry has been out on the practice range in Scotland. working hard with Bob Torrance, his coach. The next week will be an interesting one in the career of Gordon Sherry, it will show us what he is made of.

"I'm sure I'll feel nerves, but I have just got to control them." he said. "It's the calmest and coolest who get through. The last thing Bob [Torrance] told me before ! came here was: These are the happiest days of your life, go



# Corporate elite ply competitive skills at golf's taxing haven

he bonhomie and the mutual congratulation flowed like best Rioja. But that was on Tuesday; today the gloves come off. The national final of The Times MeesPierson Corporate Golf Challenge gets under way this morning and, for the next two days, the air will be thick with the whiff of battle in this sunblessed southeast corner of

The competition was stiff enough in the 12-event regional final series in this, the fourth year of the Challenge. Victory was hard to come by at that stage. Nobody won without a light, but compared with what will have been required of the winners come omorrow night, it was but a

stroll in the park.

The standard of golf in the egional finals was uniformly high and there were probably more close finishes this year than in any two of the competition's other three seasons put together. Add to that the fact that the players here will be performing on a top-class layout — the South course at the Hyatt La Manga Club Resort - and that they will be doing so under the stern and unforgiving eye of the television cameras, and some idea can be gained of the task every one of them is about to face.

This final is the culmination of the most successful year yet for the Challenge. Almost 1,000 company golf days were registered with the event Mel Webb looks at the changing face

of La Manga's lush fairways and the

national final that is too close to call

through spring, summer and early autumn and that puts the tournament firmly in the uppermost bracket of amateur of competitions in the Brit-

For the first time in the

competition's history, nobody playing in Spain has taken part in a Challenge national final before, so the dramatic facelift that has been carried out on the course in the past year will not be obvious to them. The one thing that all vesterday was that the beauti-

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Constantinou. A Jones, D Lait, M Margan punditry department. In the regional finals there was a 19-point gap between the lowest winning score and the highest, but a cogent argu-ment could be made that the three teams with 85 points played as well as the Jaguar Centre (Hull), who had a Challenge record-breaking 104 points in their regional final at Breadsall Priory.

If mere scores are an indicator, Jaguar will take some beating, but there were ster ling performances from all their rivals. The most impresscoring was produced by Reuter, winners at Chart Hills with 97 points, who scored 57 points on the back nine and 64 in the last 11 holes on the demanding Nick Faldo-de-

The National Investigation Service of HM Customs and Excise went closest to emulating Reuter, their front nine of 49 at the last regional final at Mentmore setting them on their way to victory with 90 points. ZET Insurance Services were the fourth and last team to reach or beat 90 points - their victory came at the Forest of Arden.

The above quartet will naturally be among the favourites for the winners' spoils after 36 holes of Stableford golf, However, let it be said that none of the foregoing constitutes a prediction. It is much, much too close to call for that.

## Woods has strong competition for top

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AUSTRALIA is awash with American celebrities at the moment: Tiger Woods is down under for the Australian Open golf championship: Bill Clinton is also in Sydney for some golf and a chat with Prime Minister Howard; and Michaci Jackson, pregnant wife almost in tow, is doing whatever it is Michael Jackson does – although there has been no sighting of him on a golf

course thus far. The President has been lobbying hard to play golf with Greg Norman during his visit and Norman was keen to oblige. Clinton had nothing specific scheduled for this afternoon — his wife, Hillary. was due to speak at the Opera-House on the subject "Women in the 21st Century" - and Norman had an early firstround hit-off time (Australian for tee-off) at The Australian.

The venue was expected to be the New South Wales seaside links that might exhaust even the reportedly prolific presidential supply of mulligans if the wind blows. (Mulligan is golfspeak for having another go, if the first shot is not to your liking, and the President is supposed to be partial to them.)

In the morning, Norman will be playing with Craig Parry and David Glesson, an amateur from Queensland who has been mixing in high company this week. Gleeson and Jamie Crow, who were in Australia's four-man team that won the Eisenhower Trophy, the world amateur team championship, in Manila last week, partnered Woods in

practice yesterday.

Gleeson even had the distinction of introducing Woods and Butch Harmon, his coach, to a bunker shot they had not seen before. It involved taking right-handed club and ad dressing the ball left-handed, with the club-face towards the sky. The shot produced was a shovel-cum-scoop (when it worked at all), but Woods seemed intrigued and the trick might soon be incorporated in

Woods, 9-2 second favourite behind Norman, the 7-2 favourite, was scheduled to be the afternoon attraction at The Australian, playing with those old hands, Peter McWhinney and Peter Senior.

Robert Allenby returns to competition here, much earlier than anticipated, after fracturing his sternum in a car crash. His injuries have healed and he has played three rounds since Sunday. The 7,046-yard course will undoubtedly be too much for Allemby at present, but at least his rehabilitation is well under

David Howell, Gary Evans and Richard Boxall, of England, are also competing. along with Paul McGinley, of

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## Hendry in focus for television action cue

BY PHILL YATES

STEPHEN HENDRY is not easily satisfied. Even after beating Rob Milkins 9-5, to reach the last 16 of the United Kingdom championship in Preston yesterday, the titleholder expressed reservations

about his form. Hendry has now won 14 consecutive matches in an event second only in prestige to the world championship, in tempt to lift the UK trophy for the fifth time since 1989 continues on Saturday against An-thony Hamilton or David

Gray.
"I can't believe how badly
"I can't believe how badly I'm struggling," Hendry, who surprisingly entered the con-cluding session on level terms at 44, said: "I led 41 but the wheels fell off, so to say I'm relieved to get through is an

understatement." Hendry won the scrappy opening frame of the afternoon to edge 5-4 ahead before delivering a crushing blow any lingering hopes Milkirs had of causing an upset, by recovering from a 45-17 deficit with a 77 clearance initiated by

the potting of a long red. With the exception of the twelfth frame, snatched by Milkins on the black after he had required a snooker, it was relatively plain sailing from that point as further runs of 56, 52, 69 and 61 ensured

Hendry's progress.

Despite his less-than-impressive start to the championship, and indeed to the 1996-97 campaign in general. Hendry remains optimistic about making a successful defence. "I'm expecting myself to fly now because when the television cameras arrive I always feel more at home," he said. Paul Hunter, 18, and Jue Johnson, his 44-year-old menfor, accompanied Hendry into the last 16 by overcoming That opposition. Johnson, the 1986 world champion, defeated Tal

Pichit 9-6, while Hunter again

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underlined his potential by beating James Wattana, the twelfth seed, 9-5. Hunter, who became the youngest semi-finalist in a world-ranking tournament at the Regal Welsh Open in fanuary, compiled four century breaks in securing a meeting with Terry Murphy, the conqueror of Ronnie O'Sullivan in the first round. The most prominent rookie of last season allowed Wattana to collect only 39 points in the closing three frames as he made runs of 105, 56 and 100. which followed clearances of 100 and 136 during the open-

ing session on Tuesday.

John Parrott, the 1991 UK champion, went into the concluding phase of his secondround match against Martin Clark last night 5-3 adrift and requiring six of the remaining nine frames to avoid an unex-

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# Clouds gather over Suny Bay

THE GREY MONK tightened his stranglehold on the Hennessy Cognac Gold Cup after Suny Bay, recently deposed as favourite by the Gordon Richards-trained chaser, suffered an internal haemorrhage at Kempton yes-

Suny Bay came home last of the five finishers in the Limber Hill Handicap Chase. The seven-year-old fell apart after two miles, prompting concern about his wellbeing, and his participation at Newbury a week on Saturday is now in serious doubt.

Charlie Brooks, who trains the horse, suspected the worst "He was disappointing," he said. "I expected him to run much better than that." And the trainer's initial concern

Nap. EASTERN RIVER (I.20 Warwick)

Hendn Next best: Idiot's Lady (3.20 Warwick)

proved justified when his assistant. Ed James, reported Suny Bay's bleeding to the

Bookmakers reacted by deifflont leting Suny Bay from their Hennessy book, with William Hill advancing The Grey Monk to 7-4 favourite. The firm then bets: 6-1 Challenger Dn Luc, 8-1 Billygoat Gruff, Coome Hill, 10-1 Addington

Boy, 12-1 and upwards others. Brooks said he would anatyse a tracheal wash from Suny Bay before taking a firm decision, although he conceded Shoy Bay was unlikely to rake his charace. But just as worrying are the implications for his stable as a whole. The horses have been running very well, but what happened to Snoy Bay might indicate that there is a wirel intention that there is a viral injection about," he said.

. It was not all bad news for Brooks. He watched Sunv Bey's effort from Haydock, where Couldn't Be Better ran a. more encouraging Hennessy rial when chasing home Un-guided Missile in the Edward Hanner Memorial Handicap

Couldnt Be Better won the Hennessy 12 months ago, tak-ing in this prize along the way

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Trying Again heips Osborne to a four-timer at Kempton yesterday. Photograph: Julian Herbert

emphasised that Gordon Richards, who trains Unguided Missile, houses an embarrassment of riches among : rate him a 12-1 chance.

three-mile chasers. Addington Boy remains no more than a Hennessy deputy to The Grey Monk, but Unguided Missile may yet ac-company his stablemate to Newbury. The eight-year-old would be more celebrated were he less inclined to root

the odd fence. His relative youth encourages the belief he may yet make his mark: Hills

Jamie Osborne dominated the card at Kempton. He rode three outright winners before forcing a dead-heat on Berude Not To, who dipped his head at precisely the right moment to share the spoils with Fine Thyne in the Halliford Novices' Chase. Appropriately

enough, Osborne initiated his winning sequence aboard Not For Turning, a three parts brother to Berude Not To, who just contained Royal Event's late flurry in the EBF Novices'

David Gandolfo, who trains Royal Event, has Osborne on his side when Trying Again, a leading novice last term, jumped soundly to fend off Old Bridge in the Limber Hill Handicap Chase over 21/2 miles. Gandolfo is keen to step Trying Again up to three miles in the Rehearsal Chase at Chepstow next month.

But the most promising display came from Mulligan, who ran clean away from his rivals in the Staines Novices' Chase. On this evidence, Mulligan will be something to entertain in the Arkle Chase at

# Pertemps sponsors Kempton festival

Kempton Park opened yesterday when for the Christmas festival and outlined plans for an £8.4 million redevelopment of the Sunbury site (Julian Muscat

In a one-year package, the Pertemps group, sponsor of three Flat classics, is to support all 12 races at the track's premier fixture. The deal has underpinned the two-day meeting, which will distribute \$270,000 in added prize money.

The Pestival's highlight is the £100,000-The Haydock: result for a further two years.

THE compaign to revive the fortunes of ... Kempton's link with Pertemps kickstarts the fixture's promotion as a major racing festival in the suburbs of London. "We are going so put every effort into achieving the level of success enjoyed by the three-day meeting at Aintree," An-drew Wates, chairman of United Racecourses (UR), said.

While upwards of 20,000 racegoers regularly flock to Kempton for the King George on Boxing Day, the Christmas Hurdle, which highlights the card 24 hours later, fails to attract half that number. This is symptomatic of the which is expected to attract One Man, because of lack of investment in facilities "Yell," ventured the trainer. Algan and Barton Bank, the last three over the last decade. "We have lost our "Ye winners of the race. Pertemps has also core audience." Wates accepted. "We didn't jump as well as he cas."

Racecourse Holdings Trust (RHT), which bought Kempton, Epsom and Sandown in a package two years ago, is committed to revitalising the track. "Facilities are limited." Sue Ellen, managing director of UR, the umbrella company which runs the three courses, said. "Kempton has fallen behind other sporting facilities in this area and research has told us the course is not

offering value to racegoers."

The planned grandstand renovation, together with a resiting of the paddock, is to benefit ordinary racegoers as opposed allowing racegoers closer access to the horses. Work commences in February and is due for completion before the Christmas festival next year.

## Sporting Index limits risk

By Richard Evans PACING CORRESPONDENT

factor

AN ATTEMPT to make sports spread betting accessible to small punters by reducing the level of financial risk was unveiled yesterday by Sporting Index.

Minimum stakes as low as 25p and a guaranteed maximum loss of £50 on any ber struck at the lowest staking level is aimed at eliminating the perception that the potential dangers of spread betting are too great for more modest backers.

Sports spread betting has been the betting success story of the 1990s but with punters liable to win, or lose, up to 200 times their stake on Test cricket runs, for example - the risks are high and it has tended to attract

the big backers.

The launch of Sporting Index Select is effectively a training ground for new clients who will be able to try out spread betting without losing hundreds or thousands of pounds if they get a bet horrendously wrong.

Compton Hellyer, chairman of Sporting Index, said: "We need to take our message to those punters who want to try spread betting -with limited risk. Its brief will be both to explain and to protect. We see Select as opening up a whole new audience to spread betting and we expect to attract 2,500

clients by the end of 1997. He added: "Every bet with Select will have a fixed limit with regard to the amount that can be won or lost. And there is a maximum loss or win of £50 on any bet struck with Select at the minimum staking level. We will guarantee this figure whatever the result."

The Sporting Index inno-vation comes only weeks after talks broke down with City Index over a possible merger and before Ladbrokes enters the spread betting business.

☐ Tony McCoy was last night deciding whether to appeal against a three-day suspension for whip abuse. McCov, who needs two more winners to reach the fastest century in a season, was banned for three days (November 28-30) by the Newton Abbot stewards on Tuesday for using his whip with unreasonable force aboard James The First.

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#### 1.50 HARBURY SELLING HANDICAP HURDLE

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HURDLE (Qualifier: £2,909: 2m 3l) (7 runners) ### (Quantility: 22,500) 211 or | 1 Temporal | 1 Temporal | 2 Spring | 2 Spri

SETTIMS: 9-4 September, 3-1 (Carlott, 7-2 Receive) Polic, 5-1 Domaçõel, 7-1 Tean Jay, 8-1 Warstord Hall, 16-1

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### 3.20 SHIPSTON HANDICAP CHASE

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502 11113-2 CLASS OF NRETYTWO (CD) (Lord Castogan) Capt T-breste 7-11-5 A Package 96
508 27-F-1 SOURSE STROMS 5: (S) (Mrs. David Therspector) O Microsiston 7-11-4 A Magaze 97
504 3/03111- FULL OF OATS 254 (CD.E.S) (I MacDenaid) Miss H Neight 10-11-2 Mr A Winte (7) BETTIME: 7-4 Securis Sweep, 5-2 Class of Houghfine, 11-4 Full of Cals. 3-1 Ident's Lady

FORM FOCUS EDROT'S LADY beat Rectory Gurduo Si in 6-runner is multicap chase at historicar Clim 2, good to form.

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603		BREAK THE RIULES 26F (A LOTTIE) M Prov 4-10-12 A P McCoy	-
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605	0	EVEZIO RUFO 10F (V) (T Clarke) N Litimoden 4-10-12 J R Kavartagh	-
<b>906</b>		HUFFICAKE LAMP 257 (S) (F Welch) D Micholson 5-10-12 A Magnare	
6035	15-	RECAPPLE BAY 245 (G) (Compass Patters) (I Shermost 6-10-12   J Osborne	-
808		MR DARCY 455F (R Nicholis) P Webber 4-10-12	-
609		MR ROUGH 69F (R Alaharst) D Monts 5-10-12 M Richards	_
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614	-	PERSIAN SUTTERFLY 69F (D Halburgs) fi Stronge 4-10-7 B Powell	_
615	35	THE DEACONESS 16 Dars J Charles Mrs A King 5-10-7 Gury Lyons	

BETTREE: 3-1 Small The Puber, 7-2 Checkewota, 6-1 Smoleres, 7-1 Histocare Lamp, 6-1 Kilcame Bay White Class. 10-1 Mr Rough, 12-1 others.

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### Return to action

LARGE ACTION, the Oliver Sherwood-trained gelding, will return from a long lay-off in temorrow's Coopers & Lybrand Hurdle at Ascot. He has not run since winning the same race 12 months ago. Ladbrokes make Large Action



# 1.30 Ashby Hill. 2.00 Rameliah. 2.30 LE MERLE Insp). 3.00 Phat From Furny. 3.30 Guinde. 4.00 Sputpuse Scarries 3,30 EBF TATTERSALLS TRELAND MARKS MOVICES

1.30 U W E S U STRAL STANDARD ROVICES BARBOCAP HIBOLE (22.00 3rd) (5 nations) CHA25 (Oralities: £3,457: 2m) (5) 

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(EST, BSA4: 2m BI) (13)

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2 - 40-1 MULESS FOCK 25 (6) R Grander 5-11-5 ... C Linvestyn BB

2 210- ATAMSTIC 236 (6) C Paylann 4-11-5 ... M A Poppendi ... A Johnson 5-14-8 ... R Johnson 5-14 ... M A Poppendi ... R Johnson 5-14 ... M A Poppendi ... R Johnson 5-14 ... M A Poppendi ... R Johnson 5-14 ... R Johnson 7-14 ... R Johnson 5-14 ... R Johnson 7-14 ... R Johnso

COURSE SPECIALISTS WWWCANTIDE: Trainmer: M Pine, 35 weeners from 128 rowners, 27.3%; Mess 14 Rodgist, 7 from 30, 27.3%; M Totelan-Davies, 10 from 47, 27.3%; K 308ty, 9 from 56, 16.4%; A Turnett, 6 from 37, 16.2%; Pickette, 18 tran 172, 18.1%; Jacksey, R Dasswoody, 22 weeners know 124 dates, 23.4%; P Hilde, 5 from 32, 15.5%; T Juntet, 3 from 20, 15%; C Liconstipe, 7 from 40, 14.5%; S Michelell, 8 from 65, 12.3%; T Description, 4 from 40, 10.0%. SEDICIPIED. Trainers: P Bowns, 5 victors from 12 strater; 41.7%; F Marphy, 3 trans 8, 37.5%; P Marsian, 3 from 9, 33.3%; Nas Ni. Faceday, 7 to town 256, 29.2%; Alex D Homeson, 3 from 11, 27.3%; J Facejeraid, 13 from 51, 25.5%. Accionys: Miss P Lances, 3 witness from 4 acles, 72.6%; Accion Cilert, a brane 14, 42.2%; P Missa, 57 from 179, 3.2%; Mr H Wilson, 3 from 12, 25.0%; L Myer, 24 from 115, 20.9%; M Doyer, 22 from 172, 19.6%.

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1 -115 HMMLXON GLS 12 (D.F.G), M Pym 4-12-0 — R Commonty 65 2 4UE2 MORSTOCK 15 (CD,6) R Hodges 5-10-10 ... T Descrambe (3) 68 9-12-PHAR FEMILY 12 (DJF) G Balding 5-10-5... B Penis of 4 014- VISION OF FREEDOM 174 (DF,6) 5 Cole 5-10-5. A Thompson (6) 4-5 Hamilton Silk, 7-2 Plant Fester Fayon, 9-2 Maratock, 6-1 Vision of Festeloon.

4.00 GREAT WESTERN HOVICES HURDLE

5-4 Hunton Rock, 4-1 Captala Jack, 9-2 Millerston, T&-1 Kinelegian, T&-1 Ranton, Merussonic, 20-1 others.

12.40 Fly To The End. 1.10 Huso, 1.40 Twin Falls, 2.10 Sparrow Hall. 2.40 Val De Rema. 3.10 Our Rainbow. 3.40 Shining Edge.

GOING: GOOD TO SOFT 12.40 JOHN WADE HIMO TRUCK SELLING HANDICAP HURBLE (E1,933: 2m 1f) (11 runners)

1.10 HATHAWAY'S LADY JOCKEYS HANDICAP

2 2112 SUPERIOR 28 (EFF.S) L Lungo 8-12-0... Maso P. Amer (S)
2 0-22 BAYER 10 (SF) Mrs A Suntemit 7-11-2.... Mrs V Visigh (7)
3 -22 MUSC 10 (SF) Mrs A Suntemit 7-11-2.... Mrs V Visigh (7)
4 32-5 MANGETTA 27 (CD.F.S) Mrs M Reposiny 7-11-8 Mrs A Dated (7)
5 458- THI SOLDER 199 (R.S) M Bernstony 9-10-10. Mrs Scholar
6 45-P SOLDBAM SPRINGS 27 (VF) Mrs V Mrs (-6-10-8 Jungo Other
7 5-10 PESSEY GORDON 21 (CJ.F) Mrs U Mrs 5-10-5 Mrs (-6-10-8 Mrs (-6-1 Black E. J. James (?)

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Charden Fragell (?) 71-4 Marco, 3-1 Superior, 4-1 Bullet, 5-1 Manettis, 7-1 Peggy Gordon, 8-1 offices

1.40 w a stephenson memorial novices CHASE (£4,133: 2m 50) (16) CHASSE (E4, 133: 2015) (16)

1 PI23 LE DENSTAN 8 (CSL): Mis D Thurson 9-11-4 K. Johns
2 Pi69 OVERWINELM 9 (CS. V. Thurson 9-11-2 K. Johns
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5 BS-1 BASSEMHALY 13 (E) Mis P Sty 6-10-12 C. Cahill (S)
5 BS-1 BASSEMHALY 13 (E) Mis P Sty 6-10-12 R. Marthy
6 PRO- CALLERIOV 2014 (S) D Lamb 6-10-12 K. Johnson
8 BS-4 CAMPTISANIRAS 177 D Note 7-10-12 K. Johnson
18 BS-4 DARK BLOY 228 B Mischapput 7-10-12 K. Johnson
19 UH-4 MOJACHAR FOX 13 V Thurson 6-10-12 Mis H Thurson
11 10/ ONTHIN LOS STANDING 15 (T) M Benns 6-10-12 M. Duyw
12 24-3 PTE CRISSING 19 (L); T Estarby 6-10-12 L. Wyles
13 SPU SEE YOU ALMANS 6 (T) M Benns 6-10-12 L. Wyles
14 SPERIGHAL COLVY STAY PG 15 Refeates 7-10-12 M. Williamson
15 DS-0 SHALLOW RIVER 10 (S) IN Contra 5-10-11 M. B Harding
16 -225 TWINI FALLS 8 (E) G Miscare 5-18-11 J. Gallagian
7-4 Ripe Crooming, 5-1 DM Contra B. Sponsyld Camp, 10-1 Le

7-4 Age Cracing, 5-1 Out Codura, Rescribilly, 6-1 Springfell Cury, 19-1 La Danata, 12-1 Tries Falls, 18-1 adject.

# 2.10 COLIN MACANDREW MEMORIAL HANDICAP CHASE (Amateurs: £2,700: 3m 30) (8)

#MASE (ATTRECUS: \$2,7 UU: SITI SI) (0)

1 12(5 SCROYAL SALDY 98 \$6,6.5) P Bowen 10-12-7... Mr \$ Switch
2 345- MOYAL SALDY 365 (FL.5) P Bowen 10-12-5 Mr R Thorseon (5)
3 55-4 SPHIROW HALL 14 (F.8.5) J Fitzpead 9-12-3 Mr G Marbed (7)
4 P118 BLASMS DAMM 9 (CD.F.R.S) J Habback 9-12-3 Mr G Marbed (7)
5 41-P HUPPICAME ANDREW 14 (F.S.S) J Moore 6-11-13
10 10 Wilson (5) 

Mas P Jones (5) 11-4 Spence Hall, 7-2 Scabo Vene, 4-1 Reptil Sense, 9-2 Biolog Owns, 0-1 Leukall Prycess, 10-1 Hansane Andres, 14-1 others.

2.40 WASHINGTON HOSPITAL HANDICAP CHASE 

11-8 Bear's Deligit, 9-4 Val de Rema, 9-2 Circulation, 7-1 Rem de Valee, 16-1 Sister Resca, Master Silveman.

3.10 LCLPILS MOVICES HURDLE (£2,355: 3m 3l 110yd) (14) 

10 0- HADAMANY LAD 208 H Johnson 4-10-4 ... N Williaman 11 SR-5 NEASHAAR 10 L Large 4-10-9 ... N Williaman 12 P GEAR LEAN 9 (5) M Soversby 6-10-5 ... N R Tournes 13 < 33 OKE LONE DURE 0 J Neasthan 5-10-5 ... N R Tournes 14 0-44 OUR RAMSOW 13 Ms F Sty 4-10-4 ... R Marriey 7-4 Searbhister. 7-2 Copper Cell. 8-1 Steat Approach, 8-1 Reschiede, 18-1 Marcegar, 14-4 Our Pauline, Hallamp Lail, 16-1 ottoss.

3.40 SEDGETIELD PADDOCK BOOKMAKERS HANDICAP HURDLE (\$2,215; 2m 11) (5)

| 12-64 SHINDED EDGE 17 (F.G) | Excludy 4-11-10 ... L Wyer 2 3330 EDGE DATES | 19 (BF.) Wis M Rowte 4-11-10 ... L Wyer 2 3330 EDGE DATES | 19 (BF.) Wis M Rowte 4-11-10 ... I Williamston 4 20 TREAD TROUT E (I),S ) Investic 4-11-0 ... I Williamston 4 20 TREAD 160 (S) Nirs A Swintant 5-10-13 ... J Supple 5 2224 MONOS 19 (F) & Mann 5-10-13 ... J Cataghan 6 Page 20 HT JURIST 16 H Meanuter 4-10 ... J Sample 15-4 Swing Edge, 3-1 Edge Dates, 9-2 United Fugu, 5-7 Names, 7-1 Turkid, 14-1 Date Julier

# BLINKENED PRET TIME Sedgefield: 12.40 Flyeway Blues, 1.40 Rive Crossing, Alicharger, Warwick, 3.50 Evento Bulo, Winsenhor, 2.00 Stormhill Pfigrim, 4.00 Mr. Jasper

Haydock Park

Going: good
1.10 (2m hdie) 1, MARELLO (P Niven, 2-1), 2, Queen Of Spanies (C Lieuellyn, 1-2-1), 3, Anglassy, Sea View (T Kert, 20-1)
ALSO RAN: 20 Brailed Term (D, 25-Prussian Eagle, 33 Cilburnel News (4th), 66 Meacametre, Miss Mort (6th), Promise To Try, Scally Hocks (5th), Sion Brandy (D, 11 ran 244, 28, 18, 29, 61 Mes M Revelley of Saltoum Tote £280; £130, £110, £190 DF: £130, Trio. £250, CSF, £3, 37-1, 46 Den bries 5, Samti Celle (B, Samtie Going: good £190 DF: £1:30. Trio. £2:50. CSF. £3:37

1.40 (2m hdie) f, SAMT CEE, FR Supple, 11-8 lav, Thursdown's rapp), 2. Careus-Line it Deyer. 7-2): 3. Desert Fighter (Phiem. 5-1), ALSO Fishe 8 Holders He (I), 16 Euchard (SM), 14 Principal George (SM), 25 Nocharie Sm (M) 7 mm 144, 2, 24; 1 ki, nt Fuordana Leomanser Tote: 190, £1:20, £2:10: OF, £2:90. CSF. CS 22

2.50 (Care shift £ Baris smc. T. 480 cm £ m)

E Callachen, 3-1); 2, Mytton's Choice:
Old R Thorston, 3-1); 3, Tumpole (P. Neon, 5-2 ste). ALSO RAN: 1-4-4
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2.10 (2m ch) 1, TRUMBS UP (R. Durmoody, 13-8 tay); 2, Summin Light (A. DP. 218.5), Tho: 23.50, C220, 21.40, DP. 218.50, Tho: 23.50, C25C1.25, Lighe Gunner (10-1) withdrawn, not under orders — rule 4 acplies, deduction 5p in pound.

3.10 (2m ch) 1, TRUMBS UP (R. Durmoody, 13-8 tay); 2, Summin Light (A. Bockon, 14-4); 3, Rebel King (S. Taylor, 13-2), ALSO RAN: 50 Meritanans Topics; 13, Rebel King (S. Taylor, 13-2), ALSO RAN: 50 Meritanans Topics; 13-2), ALSO RAN: 50 Meritanans Topics; 10-20, 22-20, DF: C3-40, C3-23, C3-23

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(10-1): 3, Warring Beet (S-1) Fursan 8-11
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1.30 (2m 3f ch) 1, Poppets Pet (Mr. A.
Baldrig, 11-1): 2, Prudest Poppy (10-1): 3,
Wayuchill (4-1); Jan) Hustham Optimest 41 1-fax, 13 ran. 134, 71 J. Mullins. Tota:
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(F. Johnson, 2-1 (as); 2, Raven's Roost
(7-1); 3, Chol Hopper (10-1), 15 son, 91, 21.
N. Chance Tote 22-60; 21.10, 2240,
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3.30 (2m chy 1, Scottish Bembl (A Thorston, 7-4 Barl; 2, Poucher (5-1); 3, Northern Singer (9-1), 12 ran NP Nordic Valley, 101, 12 P Webber, Tote £2.70; £1.50. £1.40. £4.30. DF: £3.40. Tric. £2.70; £1.50. £1.40. £4.30. DF: £3.40. Tric. £52.90. CSF-£12.61. Treast: £52.99.

4.00 (2m 1f falt race) 1, Melstock Meggie (G Hogan, 8-11; 2, Lovely Pascel [9-4 Barl; 3, Kosheen [9-2], 13 can 2, 13/1. Mrs J. Pirman, Tote: £7.40, £2.00. £1.20, £2.70. DF: £12.60 Tho. £33.80 CSF: £28.9.

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3. Cardinal Rule (25-1), What's Yous Story
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# New league combines best of both worlds

By Christopher Irvine

THE Super League, finally free of all legal shackles, presented a bold future for the sport yesterday in the shape of a 22-team world club championship next year. Moreover, it is hoped that the threat of players moving to rugby union can be removed by a reshaped ten-month season.

in separate launches in Leeds and Sydney yesterday, details of the global vision were filled in after a year on hold. While league has been stuck in the starting blocks, union has seized the initiative in wealth and importation of several leading players from the other code for part of the

The crowded rugby league calendar apparently leaves no room for the new dual-code professional, or the joint-owned players mooted this week by Wigan and Wasps. For players now making a living from both sports it will probably mean a straightfor-

"I would be amazed if, with the programme we have, that a player wouldn't want to lie on a beach somewhere," Maurice Lindsay, the Rugby Football League chief executive. said. "I hope it would reduce the desire of someone to play union ... but players do like

A championship featuring the 12 European and ten Australasian Super League clubs is an exciting and progressive venture. No other club competition in sport emprinciple. Suddenly, rugby from the M62 to points 12.000 miles southeast.

Within the domestic Super League, which is starting a son, on March 15, two threeweek breaks are built in for 60 pool marches. These will take place simultaneously on both continents. Teams that travel their first three games, in June, will be at home for the next three in July and August.
If the launch yesterday is an

indication, logistical problems are just starting. The fixture list had to be redrafted at the last minute because some Australian grounds were unavailable. On the first three weekends. St Helens, the Super League champions, are at home to Auckland Warriors, Cronulia Sharks and Penrith Panthers, while Wigan are at Canterbury Bull-Canberra Raiders.

Kind words at the Leeds launch about English clubs by Laurie Daley, the likely captain of Australia for their British tour next November. were put into perspective by Denis Betts, the Great Britain and Auckland forward. "I am sure that Wigan, St Helens and Bradford can on their day knock off a top Australian side. Whether they can do it consistently is another thing. For weaker sides you're looking at defeat by 50 points, until standards can be raised," he



Given the potential for embarrassment, there is a contrivance to the competition's early stages. By an unwieldy system of qualification. Europe is guaranteed four quarter-finalists. Thus a side can lose most of its pool matches and still get a slice of the £1 million prize-money on offer from the last-eight knockout

Under the new marketing umbrella of Rugby League (Europe), the 12 Super League clubs are gradually getting

incentive of being able to keep all home gate receipts. Travel and accommodation costs are being borne in an overall £3.5 million package by the Super League backers. The News Corporation, parent company

Matches pitting two capital cities against each other, between London Broncos and Canberra Raiders, fulfil Super League's global agenda, yet ture of the British game is far from being overcome. For all its aspiring junior players, London is still a team of Australian Imports; Cardiff, Glasgow and Bristol remain dots on the map and Paris Saint-Germain is a proppedup token European rep-

in tones different from the expansionist talk of a year ago, Lindsay said: "Everything has been changing, in rugby union particularly, and our clubs need to stabilise. With packed calendar, there is no need for pressure to create

### WORLD CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

# London's early early promise stifled

London Counties ...... 20 Argentina XV ...

RUGBY CORRESPONDENT

THERE have been some great divisional days at Twickenmasochistic sort of way, was one of them. Forget epics of yesteryear — against the 1951 South Africans, the 1988 Australians, the 54,000 who turned up to watch London play the 1993 New Zealanders - the 22 players who wore Landon's colours in front of a paitry 1,000 people did so with as much pride as any of them.

students, teachers and the odd electrician even had the temerity to lead one of the world's significant rugby-playing na-tions for much of the first half

Only on Friday did London know that politics would keep a swathe of first and second division players out of the action. The match XV had only

one training period.

What the Argentinians made of it they were far too polite to utter. By the time they had scored their eighth try, six of the players who appeared against South Africa in Buenos Aires last Saturday had taken the field against opposidivision down to the seventh. where Nick Killick, once of England under-21 and Harle-

ouins now plays.
Jose-Luis Imhoff, their coach, made the point that they had only three days in which to prepare for the first international with South Afriwill have been concerned that his side could have been pierced in midfield or outflanked with comparative ease. Had a couple of passes not been knocked on. Jeff Alexander's breaks might have created two further London tries. As it was, Alexander scored a try to go with that of Rushin, a student, in

Had Raymond kicked a close range penalty, London would have led at the interval instead of trailing 14-13. Thereafter the Argentinians took charge, Bouza scoring three times from No 8 and Bartolucci running in from 85 metres to provide a distinct highlight as replacements, on both sides,

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□ Niali Hogan, the Ireland captain and scrum half, is out of the international against Australia on Saturday because of an ankle injury. Steve McIvor, of Garryowen, is called up for his first full cap and keith Wood, the hooker, takes over the captaincy.

FOOTBALL: ENGLAND GOALKEEPER FACES SPELL ON SIDELINES AFTER SUSTAINING INJURY IN PREMIERSHIP MATCH AT OLD TRAFFORD

# Cracked ribs may deprive Arsenal of Seaman for key games



Seaman: derby doubt

BY RUSSELL KEMPSON

DAVID SEAMAN, the England and Arsenal goalkeeper, could be out of action for up to a month after it emerged yesterday that he cracked three ribs during the I-O FA Carling Premiership defeat by Manchester United at Old Trafford on Saturday. It is the third time in his seven years at the club that he has sustained such an injury. Seaman. 33, is likely to miss the north London derby against Tottenham Hotspur at Highbury on Cup fourth-round tie against Liverpool at Anfield next Wednesday and the Premiership trip to Newcastle United three days later.

Seaman could play with painkilling injections, as he did in the European Cup Winners' Cup final against Parma in Copenhagen in May 1994. He also wore a body protector against Auxerre in the quarter-finals of the same competition last year. Arsenai won both

John Lukic. Arsenal's secondchoice goalkeeper, has been placed on stand-by. He has played only two games this season, conceding five goals in the draws against Chelsea

Chelsea have played down reports that they are about to sign Georg Koch. 24, the Fortuna Dusseldorf gualkeeper, Gwyn Williams, Chelsea's administration officer, said yesterday: "He's one of many players we've looked at but that's all it is, just looking." Dmitri Kharine and Kevin Hitchcock. Chelsea's first and second-choice goalkeepers, are injured while Frode Grodas, the on-loan Norway international, is due to join Sturm Graz, of Austria, next month.

Tony Yeboah, the Ghana and Leeds United forward, moved closer to a return to first-team action when playing for 90 minutes and scoring in a practice match against Carlisle United yesterday. Yeboah, out with knee problems since March, said: "I need two or three reserve games. then I will be back in contention."

League first division leaders, havelodged an appeal against the sending-off of Jimmy Phillips, their defender, in the 3-1 defeat by Birmingham City at St Andrew's last week. Phillips was dismissed by Graham Pooley after an incident involving Paul Devlin, the Birmingham striker.

Devlin appeared to head-butt Phillips and, though Phillips was unhurt and did not feign injury or retaliate. Pooley showed the red card to both players. Phillips was incensed and had to be restrained by colleagues as he walked off the pitch. Pooley later confirmed that he had sent Phillips off for the same offence as Devlin. Colin Todd, the Bolton manager,

written to the Pootball-Association. He and Phillips, who has already received a three-match suspension for his alleged part in the incident will be supported in their appeal by Trevor Francis, the Birmingham manager, and Devlin.

has studied a video of the match and

☐ The European Champions' League will be shown on terrestrial television until 2000. ITV yesterday completed an exclusive three-year agreement, worth an estimated £75 million, to show the competition. The deal will complete a £45 million-aseason package for ITV including the FA Cup, worth £15-million a season, and highlights of England

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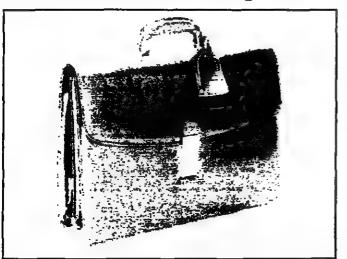
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Dismissal of coach

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with gilt zip pulls and fittings. it measures 42cm x 30 x 11.5.

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### ATHLETICS

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## BAF tuning in to new television contract

By DAVID POWELL ATHLETICS CORRESPONDENT

THE pre-Christmas cash tills are ringing for athletics. The British Athletic Federation (BAF), which confirmed yesterday that it had agreed a kit deal worth a record £1 million a year, is thought to be on the point of announcing a new television contract with Channel 4. At the same time, the International Amateur Athletic Federation (IAAF), and the two fastest men in the world. have been talking very big

A four-year deal between the BAF and Channel 4 is understood to have been struck and the sport will switch channels in 1997 after 12 years with ITV, which has been dissatisfied with the way the sport is run in Britain.

The new deal is presumed to be worth much less than the S million two-year contract with ITV, which is now at an end, but the guarantee of television coverage will improve the Federation's negotiating power with sponsors.

The signing of the kit deal, with Reebok, is a formality, Tony Ward, the BAF spokes-

Indications in The Times last March that the IAAF planned to introduce a \$100.000 (about £600.000) honus for world records at the world championships in Athens next year gathered sub-stance yesterday when a governing body source was quoted by Reuter as saving: "We have a sponsor who will put up to \$100,000 for world records." Prize-money will be paid at the world championships for the first time next

At a press conference on Tuesday, it was confirmed that Donovan Bailey and Michael Johnson, who set world records for the 100 and 200 metres respectively last summer, will meet in a \$2 million challenge over 150 metres in Toronto on May 31, the winner taking \$1.5

SWIMMING coaches across Britain were vesterday asked to decide whether to boycott Bristol City Council, which has dismissed Eric Henderson, the head of its swimming

> Henderson, a former Scot-land international, is claiming that he has been unfairly dismissed after 13 years, during which he has produced 12 internationals. He is appealing to the council against his dismissal and is being backed by the British Swimming Coaches Association (BSCA). The BSCA yesterday sent

out ballot forms to its members, asking them to vote on whether to boycott Bristol. given that the Amateur Swimming Association has backed moves for Clive Durran, a former development manager. to take temporary control of the Bristol scheme. The BSCA form states: "If

we as craches are seen to allow another coach to cover the programme of a colleague

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TENNIS: GERMAN CROWD BOO LOSER IN ONE-SIDED BATTLE OF FORMER WIMBLEDON CHAMPIONS

# Sampras humiliates lifeless Agassi

FROM DAVID MILLER IN HANOVER

A DISMAL year for Andre Agassi, by comparison with the standard of his own peaks, concluded with humiliation here yesterday at the world championship of the Associ-ation of Tennis Professionals. Troubled by a cold, unable or unwilling to run, he lost his opening round-robin match to Pete Sampras 6-2, 6-1, and was whistled and booed off court by a crowd of 15,000 who had paid a minimum of £70 a seat. Agassi earned £50,000

merely for appearing as one of the eight top-ranked players. When realising the extent of his condition, as he must have done, he should have withdrawn, allowing Thomas Enqvist, ranked ninth, to replace him. His performance, whether or not he was unwell. whether or not Sampras hit a stream of blistering passing shots, as indeed he did, was an

insult to the public, who justifiably felt cheated. "I was feeling pretty weak, not fit to be playing well," Agassi, pale and despondent admitted. He had felt unwellsince before leaving Las Vegas, and did not venture to blame the crowd for their displeasure. "I felt worse than

they did," he lamented. No The imminence of crisis for the man ranked No 7 was apparent from the fourth game, in which Agassi had to save five break points in order to hold his service for 2-2. In the next five games, he took one point in the next nine. only six. When trailing 5-0 in the second set, he served an ace to ironic cheers.

At 2-2 in the first set he had provided inelegant evidence of his cold. blowing his nose without recourse to a bandkerchief, spraying the ATP logo at the back of the playing area, and then smudging the damp area with his foot. Absence of during the first two days here sympathy was unsurprising.
Agassi's conduct throughout the year, even allowing for his Olympic victory, has been incompatible with maintaining his eminence in the game. He has played too few tourna-

ments — only two since his surprising elimination by Michael Chang in the US Open — and had predictably been in no shape for Paris or Wimbledon. His surpression Wimbledon. His commercial sponsors must be alarmed about their investment. Sampras considered that

this was the best he had played in some while. "I was in a zone - it was one of those days when everything clicks," Sampras, who won all of his 19 first-service points, said. "I've had spurts of tennis like

ROUND ROBIN; White group: G Nenisevic (Cro) bt T Muster (Austria) 6-4. 6-4; Muster bt M Chang (US) 6-4, 6-3. Red group: P Sampres (US) bt A Agassi (US) 6-2, 6-1.

this, but not for an entire match." In truth, he had little to beat and can regard yesterday only as a warm-up for his group confrontations with Becker and Kafelnikov today and tomorrow.

Agassi has maintained his ranking with three tournament victories this year — at Key Biscayne, where Ivani-sevic withdrew from the final, Atlanta and Cincinnati. Yet he has lost the past three meetings with Sampras, all in straight sets this year. He last beat him in the 1995 Canadian

should, in theory, have been marginally more helpful to about whether the court is fast or slow. It is designed by the American, Lee Frankel, formerly with Spalding, who created the company, with South African investment, in France in 1970.

Its most important characteristic is trueness of bounce and Michael Chang, when beaten by Richard Krajicek, the Wimbledon champion, on the opening day, declared that it was "fair to all players". Gordon Forbes, the former South African Davis Cup player, who works with GreenSet, considers that the big services of Krajicek and Ivanisevic would have been aces on any surface.
The proof of its trueness was

provided in the opening match yesterday between Chang and Thomas Muster. Chang lost for the second time, 6-4, 6-3, thereby putting him out of the running for the semi-finals, but it was a delightful encounter with both men artfully using the whole of the court.

Chang sometimes had trou-ble with his timing, though Muster was consistently striking the ball the more fiercely. Ungainly in appearance, he sometimes has the appearance of a squaddie tackling an assault course, but his accuracy and control of length are at times phenomenal.

"It was nice to play tennis," Muster said, with a touch of sarcasm, remembering how he had been well beaten by Krajicek on the first day. "It was nice to run, to play shots, to fight for balls, to get a chance. Yesterday it was completely different."

He conceded that Chang GreenSet surface had not been as aggressive as usual, making many unforced errors. "I put him under a lot Agassi's rally-controlled tac- of pressure with my fore-tics. There has been debate hand," Muster said.



Sampras hammers down a service during his straight-sets drubbing of Agassi

#### SPORTINBRIEF

## Australia restore Little on the wing

AUSTRALIA'S rugby union team to play Ireland at Lansdowne Road on Saturday shows six changes, two positional, from the side that defeated Scotland at Murrayfield (Karl Johnston writes). Jason Little, recovered from injury, is at right wing, as Tim Horan, who played there against Scotland, reverts to centre, to the exclusion of Pat Howard. George Gregan is preferred at scrum half.

Dan Crowley, who arrived in Ireland on Tuesday to replace the injured Richard Harry, takes over at loose-head

prop. Michael Brial comes in at No 8, while Daniel Manu moves from that position to blind-side flanker. David Campese has been omitted again.

CHINIPES: INTO DECEN OFFITHER ABJANTS. A Little (Queensland), D. Herbert (Queensland), T. Horan (Queensland), J. Hoff (Australian Capital Tempoy); D. Knox IACT), G. Grogan (ACT), D. Crowley (Queensland), M. Foley (Queensland), A. Blades (NSW), D. Manu (NSW), W. Waugh (NSW), J. Eales (Queensland), D. Wilson (Queensland), M. Brad (NSW), Replacements: P. Howard (ACT), S. Payne (NSW), A. N. Other. A. Heath (NSW), M. Caputo (ACT), A. N. Other.

## **Britons progress**

SQUASH: Britain's two highest-ranked men progressed to the semi-finals of the world open championship in Karachi yesterday. Peter Nicol, from Inverturie, beat Craig Rowland, of Australia, and will face Jansher Khan, the defending champion from Pakistan. Chris Walker, from Colchester, outplayed another Australian, Brett Martin. Walker will play Rodney Ayles, also of Australia.

## Brundle unhurt in crash

MOTOR SPORT: Martin Brundle, right, crashed during a practice run for the Network Q/RAC Rally yesterday, damaging his Ford Escort. The former Formula One driver was not hurt, but he and his co-driver, Roger Freeman. were forced to continue in a different car. Brundle, preparing for his rally debut this weekend, was on a reconnaissance drive of one of the Welsh stages when he slid off an icy track and down a bank.



### Burden on course

TENPIN BOWLING: Gemma Burden, from Westonsuper-Mare, who is defending her women's singles title. lies in fifth place after play yesterday in the World Cup in Belfast. Burden, 18, is still on course to qualify for the quarter-finals. Although there are players from 71 countries competing, it is expected that the United Kingdom's other representatives will all progress to the round-robin stage.

## Parlier hits trouble

SAILING: Yves Parlier, leader in the Vendée Globe nonstop single-handed round-the-world race, may be forced to retire after the forestay and jib furler on his yacht Aquitaine Innovations broke in brisk southeast trades. ☐ In Rio de Janeiro, the BT Global Challenge fleet

yesterday set sail on leg two of the round-the-world race to Wellington in New Zealand, more than 7,000 miles away.

### Gunn downs Howell

REAL TENNIS: Ruaraidh Gunn, the No 8 seed, beat 6-5. 2-6, 6-4 to reach the quarter-finals of the British Land British open championship at the Queen's Club yesterday. Gunn, 23, one of the new breed of sponsored tournament professionals, raised his game on the big points and at 5-5 in the fourth set kept his nerve to see off his mentor.

# Ailing Seles forced to consider surgical solution

THIS is a good time of year to he a physiotherapist here. The best and the richest players in the women's game have gathered at Madison Square Garden for the Chase championships and they have brought with them a year's The winner's cheque will not necessarily go to the best player, rather to the last woman standing come the final on Sunday.

On Tuesday night, Monica

shoulder injury that has trou-bled her since the Australian Open in January. Playing her first-round match against Kimiko Date, she called for the trainer after seven games and received treatment for a few minutes before deciding to continue. She could only manage to win one more point and. retired at 5-4 down.

She must decide whether to have surgery to repair the damage or endure another year of playing in fits and starts as the pain allows. Her

recovery time from such an operation - at best she would be out of action for three months, but it could be longer. Even if she went ahead with the surgery right away she would not be able to defend her Australian title, the one highlight of her difficult year. Her father, Karolj, is rather

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daughter's well-being than with her tournament record, and on Tuesday he was frantically signalling from the court-

that Seles will never regain her position as the undisputed world No 1 because she cannot shake off the emotional traumas of the stabbing incident in 1993. By comparison, a torn shoulder muscle is just a problem waiting to be solved.

"Surgery is a tough decision to make because of the long don't want to jump into it too quick. We thought about it after the US Open but with what's been happening this side for her to withdraw as year it's been tough, not just soon as she called for the physically but mentally too."

Since she came back to the WTA Tour her ranking has been protected and only recently has she lost her automatic right to the joint No I position with Steffi Graf. Now, with a new ranking system coming in next year to encourage the top players to play more tournaments, her place in the world order will suffer if she is out for three months, "I think we need more top players playing each other more often," she said. "but the demands on you are really tough. There is never time to

As for Graf, she is battling on through her own injury problems. She is a good person to know should you fall ill away from home and she is quite serious when she says she has the private telephone numbers of the top physicians in any city in the world. But in nothing seems to have focused her mind more than the threat of losing. On Tuesday she dismissed all thoughts of her chronic back injury and beat Karina Habsudova o-l. 6-1.

from the losses.

**♦** HEEHAN on BRIDGE

By Robert Sheehan, bridge correspondent

The defence's second trump trick disappeared in an unusual way

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TODAY'S FIXTURES

PONTINS CENTRAL LEAGUE: Pre-mier division: Eventon y Nottingham Forest (7.0), Second division: Hull y Rothetham (7.0), Stockport y Barnsley FA YOUTH CUP: First-round replay: SOUTHOUSE MATCHES: FA Premier League Under-19 Trophy: Detbyshire v Notices among the factor FC, 7.15) English Knowles Corp. Essay v Kent (Gloucester Bowl, 7.30). Oxford United Cup: Vate of White Horse v Mid Oxon (Abangdon). Weish Schools Glyncoed Shield: Dyled v Cardill (Lianelli FC, 7 0). OTHER SPORT

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18.9, 15-13; P Nicol (Scott) bt C Rowland (Aus) 15-13, 15-5, 15-9; Jansher Khan (Pak) bt Parke 15-3, 15-4, 15-9; R Eyles (Aus) bt Zubert Jahan Khan (Pak) 15-17, 13-15, 17-15, 15-7, 15-6 TENNIS

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(I) Natural — i.e. showing an opening bid with clubs the ongest suit. This was the auction with

Dealer West

Senior South and myself North. Senior ducked the king of clubs, took the second club and played a third club. On this West misguidedly ruffed in with the nine of spades. Senior overruffed and led a

low spade from dummy. East could still have retrieved the position by rising with the ace of spades and leading another club, which would promote a trump trick for West and still leave the defence able to collect a red-suit trick in the endgame. But East played low on the spade, and so when Senior won the queen he could return a second spade, crashing the defence's trumps. Now

he won the heart return in

hand and cleared hearts, so he emerged with ten tricks. At the other table the stakes were higher - South was in Four Spades. Unfortunately for our team the defence went exactly the same way.

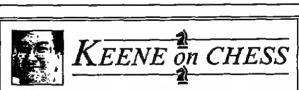
Should West ruff in on the third club? Where it gains is if the declarer has four clubs and better trumps - ruffing prevents the declarer from getting more than one club ruff, as West can then ruff the next one. I suppose it depends on your signalling methods if West knows East has six clubs, he should not ruff the third club. Then he will make a trump trick by force whenever his partner has the ace. Robert Sheehan writes on bridge Monday to Friday in Sport and in the Weekend section on Saturday.

### WORD-WATCHING

By Philip Howard

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By RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

Brilliant sacrifices

Many experts regard Avro 1938, the tournament held in various cities in Holland, as the strongest in the history of chess. Indeed, the list of participants, that included Alekhine, Capablanca. Botvinnik and Euwe, held the world championship between them. broken only by slight intervals, from 1921 until 1963.

Although first prize was shared between Reuben Fine. the American grandmaster, and Paul Keres, the Estonian grandmaster, the accolade for the most brilliant game goes to Bowinnik's marvellous series of diversionary sacrifices against Capablanca. Botvinnik regarded this game as his

own personal lavourite, and expert opinion considers this the greatest single game of chess ever played. Not only are Borvinnik's sacrifices brilliant and original. he also had to see his way in the closing stages through a maze of complications in which one false step would have allowed the black queen to salvage a draw by perpetual check. White: Mikhail Bowinnik

Black: Jose Capablanca Avro 1938

Nimzo-Indian Defence Ma 2 04 **e6** 3 NG 5 a3 Bxc3+ 6 bc3 ජ exd5 7 cxd5

15 Qc2 Nb8 16 Rae1 Nb3 20 e5 Nd7 Res Res Res Res Kg7 Oes Oes gun5 h.f8 Kg8 Qc1+ 35 K12 36 Kq3 37 Kh4 Od3-Qe2-39 Kh4 40 g4 41 Nh5 Oe4-Qe1+ Blacf resigns

Diagram of final position 

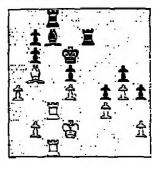
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### WINNING MOVE

By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Alekhine - Anon. Simultaneous Display 1944. Although Black is trapped in an uncomfortable pin on the c-file, he probably did not expect to be mated in short order. However, that is what happened. How did

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## Alan Lee previews the Test series being billed as 'The Decider'

# Warne's return shifts balance of power

lia, and the profound regret of West Indies' batsmen, Shane Warne is fit to resume his phenomenal Test career here in Brisbane tomorrow. Only now, with the months of helpless uncertainty behind him, is Warne pre-pared to confess to what might have been, to reflect upon days of depression when he feared he might never bowl again.

The return of Warne is enough to make Australia favourites for this first match in a five-Test series porten-tously billed as "The Decider". Without his extraordinary talent, the odds would have been markedly different, as might the outcome. His case refutes the theory that one man cannot make a team - take away Warne and Australia are fallible.

Yesterday, relaxing with only a cigarette in his 'He has an precious right hand. Warne reastonishing lated his low points during the 30 wickets six months since he submitted to here at 10.4 surgery on a damaged joint on the ring finger crucial runs apiece' to his bowling.

"There were stages," he said slowly, when I thought about what would happen if the finger never came right. What would I do? How would I get by? They weren't nice

It has actually recovered at just the speed the doctors told me it would, but it has seemed a long time and, naturally, it's been worrying. It was only last week, when I bowled 40 overs in the second innings of a [Sheffield] Shield game, that I felt, wow, this is what I want,

I'm back." Warne, 27, bowled in severe discomfort during the World Cup in March and has played no international cricket since. He had hoped to return for the short tour to India last month, but explains: "I didn't go because I feared I'd be letting my mates down." Without him, Australia lost the single Test and all of their one-day games, a chastening experiwith their virtuoso restored.

Having imposed severely on various bodily joints in the five years since his Test debut. Warne can have no long-term immunity from injury, but he is taking ample precautions. "I have ice and massage on my hand, forearm and shoulders every time I bowl and I put a brace on the finger each

One precaution he rejected. however, was taking out insurance on that spinning finger. "My dad is in the business and he touted the idea round some companies two years ago," he said. The ones willing to do it came up with a premium of \$12,000 [about E5,700 a year. I told him it was far too much but, just recently, I've begun to wonder."

It is a measure of the advantage bestowed upon the Warne's recovery that the West Indian net practice yesterday was conspicuous by its absence of leg spinners. At the request of the Australian selectors,

the Queensland club declined to provide any local clones of Warne to help the visitors. They must be wariest of him here, on the Gabba ground, where he has taken an astonishing 30 wickets at 10.4 runs apiece in only three Test matches.

"The pitches have been good for me." he said. "They gener-ally turn towards the end, not far but quickly." Then, flicking back the dyed blond hair over the gold Nike earstud, the man they call "Hollywood" dismissed the theory that he night be negated by the West Indies' succession of left-

The lefties have an advantage if I'm bowling badly, that's for sure," he said. "But if am bowling well. I enjoy them, because there is always some rough around their off stump and they have got to play at every ball. I've been mucking around in the nets with some different ideas to try



Warne, in typically aggressive mode, is back to face West Indies after an operation on his spinning finger

against them - no secret new deliveries, just variations of

angles, things like that." Warne spent five minutes vesterday with a matey arm on the shoulder of one of those left-handers, Brian Lara. They may not be so chummy tomorrow, when their personal duel will be central to the result of this match and the direction of

The only threat to Lara's participation was that one further disciplinary transgression would lead inevitably to suspension by an administration that, it might be thought, has sacrificed a captain and a management structure to accommodate him. Certainly, after a saga of

sulks and scrapes, Lara can consider himself highly privi-leged to be appointed vicecaptain to the wondrously ageless Courtney Walsh. However. Clive Lloyd, whose return to active involvement as team manager is surely a catalyst for more settled times, takes a sympathetic view, "Brian got annoyed when he was so well and the team was losing," he said. "I am not sure he was enjoying his cricket, but I think he is now."

would be dropped down the order to protect him from the new ball if the latest West Indies opening pair should fail, Lara will continue at No 3 morrow

Australia's lingering anxiety was lifted yesterday when Glenn McGrath, the strike bowler boasting 80 wickets from his first 20 Tests, was declared fit after a heel injury. Matthew Elliott, who has the adhesive style of Bill Lawry. will go in first with Mark Taylor as both teams try to banish unhappy memories.

The last time the sides met in Australia. West Indies won

inside seven sessions and Curtly Ambrose took seven wickets for one run. But more recently than that, more painful for the deposed champions to recall, was Australia's triumph in the Caribbean last spring. It was West Indies' first series defeat in 15 years and now they are intent on demonstrating it was no more than a blip on the graph.

AUSTRALIA (nom): M A Tapitar (captain), M T G Elliot, R T Poyting, M E Weugh, S R Waugh, M G Basan, I A Healy, S K Warra, P R Rainte, G D McGrath, M S Kasprowicz, J N Gâlospie

# Ticking bomb pompon two legs

Beaumarchais. Radio 4, 11.00pm.

Craig Warner's serial about the French playwright whose non-theatrical activities were breathtakingly improbable, though nonetheless mostly verifiable, continues on its winning way. Last week's episode saw Beaumarchais (Henry Goodman) stripped of his civil rights after challenging and defeating parliament. Tonight, he is sent to England by Louis XV to defuse a two-legged bomb that could cause heavy damage. The dangerous device turns out to be something not even Beaumarchais' unbridled imagination could have dreamt up. The ticking bomb is played by Bill Nighy. Without giving anything away. I think I can safely say you have never heard him doing anything like this on radio before.

Lanchtime Concerto, Classic FM, 2.00pm.

The name Nino Rota should mean something to you if you know fine film music when you hear it. He scored most of Fellini's films. I can whistle the theme from Zeffirelli's Romeo and Juliet and Visconti's The Leopard. Little is worth remembering about The Class Mountain except his music, which was ruined by a ridiculous operation turn in the plot. His score for The Godfather was worthy of the film. But there's much more to Rota than film music. He wrote operas, ballet music, oratorios and cantatas. His tuneful Concerto for Strings is obsayed this afternoon but the Accademia Rivantina under Strings is played this afternoon by the Accademia Bizantina under

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## WORD-WATCHING

Answers from page 45 TARTAREAN

(b) Of or belonging to the Tartarus of the ancients. Hence, pertaining to hell or to purgatory. Infernal. The place name of the imagined Tartarus. Milton, Paradise Lost, ii. 69: "Mixt with

(a) A tutoress, from the Latin tutrix with a feminine ending stuck onto tutor. "A Tutrix or Regent, during the minority of her supposed brother."

(a) Resembling Thraso or his behaviour. Given to or marked by boasting. Bragging, boastful, vainglorious. Eponym of Thrason, the name of a braggart soldier in Terence's Eunuchus. It is a name built from the Greek thrasús bold, spirited. "The thrasonic verbiage of German nautical enthusiasts."

(c) The Javanese tree, Antiaris toxicaria, the milky juice of which contains a virulent poison and is used for tipping arrows. Fable has it that a putrid steam rises from it, and that whatever the

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### CRICKET

Despite speculation that he

# Gatting proving his pedigree

FROM A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT IN MELBOURNE

COUNTLESS numbers of sports coaches labour for years to mould teams in their own image, to create a unit of men or women who will carry loyally their mentor's philosophies onto the field of play. It is a daunting task, but one at which Mike Gatting is prov-

ing remarkably adept. Having taken the England A side under his wing at short notice, after Graham Gooch cried off to tend his sick father. Gatting has, in just over three weeks, succeeded in imbuing the players with a mind-set that unerringly reflects his own cussed approach to the business of winning cricket

matches. There could be no more fitting setting for this exercise than Australia, where, a decade ago. Gatting reached the peak of his powers as the England captain, bringing home the Ashes.

GRRRAND NATIONAL WINNER

Virtually every other England team to venture here since has failed to capture the flame that Gatting lit. Now he has returned, and a smouldering sense of expectancy has settled around the 14-strong

Sussex yesterday agreed to grant Alan Wells permission to speak to other coun-ties. Wells. 35, has two years of his contract remaining but requested a move after Sussex stripped him of the captaincy three weeks ago.

party of Test hopefuls that he

"We've improved with each match." Gatting said. "The batsmen in particular have got better. They have realised what is required in Australia and now they are performing quite well.

"Australia is only as tough as you make it. If you are prepared to get in there and compete with them and get on top of them, then they are nowhere near as competitive. If you can compete with them in the field then they are not as

tough as they look when they are steamrollering you. That really is what it's all about. It's almost like getting the first punch in. The good thing about the side here is that they have shown the appetite to compete. They have been a bit quiet at times but we have impressed upon them that there is no reason to do that."

Toughness. competition. punches: the Gatting lexicon rumbles with the aura of combat. For the younger Eng-land A players, the roly-poly, grizzled figure marching by their side is a guardian angel unafraid of getting his hands

## of Rhodes puts India in trouble

INDIA failed to gain the upper hand on the first day of the first Test match against South Africa in Ahmedabad yesterday after winning the toss and deciding to bat. At stumps, the home side were 215 for eight on a pitch that is expected to take spin.
Jonty Rhodes was outstand-

ing in the field for South Africa. It was his acrobatic leap at mid-wicket to catch Sachin Tendulkar for 42, when the India captain was beginning to dominate the bowling, that put his side back in control. He followed that with a direct hit to run out Azharuddin for 35. The former India captain walked before the third umpire had had time to watch the replay.

With Rhodes having removed India's two most dangerous batsmen, Allan Donald cut through the middle order with three wickets, to leave India struggling at the close. Donald was hostile and fast, while South Africa's two spin bowlers, Adams and Symoux, bowled tightly.

There was some controversy surrounding the officials George Sharp, the English umpire, turned down a confident leg-before appeal from Donald against Manjrekar from the first ball of the day, and De Villiers was also turned down by S. K. Bansal. the home umpire, against the same batsman. Television replays suggested that these appeals were more convincing than the decision that went against Mongia.

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☐ Pakistan have dropped Aamir Sohail, the experienced opening batsman, from their 12-man squad for the two Test matches against New Zea-land, the first of which starts today in Lahore. Zahoor Elahi replaces him.

# **Brilliance**

9.00 Morning Collection, with Peter Hobday, Includes Milhaud (La Création du Monde); Haydn (Symphony 96 in D. Miradle)
10.00 Musical Encounters, with Nick Morgan, Includes Bach (Brandenburg Concerto No 5 in D); Merais (Suffe in C); Judith Weir (Distance and Enchantment)
12.00 Composers of the Week: Bartok and Kodely, Includes Bathok (Nights in the Mountains)
1.00pm News; Opera Mattines, Includes Mozart (Cost lan Tutte) recorded last yeer at a series of concert performances given by Simon Rattle and the Orchestre of the Age of Enlightenment in Symphony Hall, Birmingham 4.25 Lyric Quartet, Bartok (Shing 4.25 Lyric Quartet. Bartok (Shing Quartet No 2) (r)
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Sequence)
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Academy of Music, London, to mark the 450th anniversary of the death of Martin Luther. The Cardinall's Musick are directed by Andrew Carwood in chorales and motets from the earliest years of the Lutheran Reformation, Including pieces by Johann Walter and from George Rhau's 1544 publication News Deudsche Geistliche Gesenge

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# Pomposity bypass op fails to save Edgar

o Nigel Hawthorne copped the lot in the last episode of Paula Milne's drama The Fragile Heart (Channel 4) - not only horrible death, but contrition and redemption on top. Poor old bloke. If ever a character was treated as a moral punch-bag itwas Edgar in The Fragile Heart, it was a miracle how Hawthorne managed a performance of such dignity. Last night, in a preposter-ous U-turn, pulled-up Edgar recanted medical certainty and denounced the hands-off shortcomings of his own profession. To an appalled congregation of sur-geons, he preached "Modesty, I now realise, is my ally and not my enemy". Well, pass the sick-bag, mother. Remember David Tomlinson in Mary Poppins suddenly hurling his bowler in the air and singing Let's Go Fly a Kite? It's no exaggeration to say Edgar's

the start. The Fragile Heart was beautifully made and very well acted, but Milne's script was so oppressively schematic that watching it was like being buried under a mounting pile of carpets. Once you knew the story was about cold. male science versus warm, holistic healing, there was nothing to wait for except the next weighty Axmin-ster to be chucked, crushingly, on top of all the others. God, it was annoying. Meanwhile, Milne dispensed justice to her characters with the same high-handedness she decries in the medical profession. What happened finally to the devious Nicola, that chip off Edgar's block? Well, she was humiliated and punished, of course! Sent off to lowly work in an American public hospital! Tee hee, serves her

For those who can stomach the conversion was as deep and real as nauseating details, Edgar's miraculous conversion included hug-

Top-heavy with symbolism from ging his son, making love to his start. The Fragile Heart was wife, and declaring an off-the-cuff patients' charter. His long-suffering family applauded vigorously and a chorus of You Need Hands was only narrowly averted. Edgar continued to have his nightmare about the doctor who froze to death in a train refrigeration unit even though the refrigeration was not turned on, and its significance was finally explained. If a man can so convincingly imagine himself dead (Edgar reasoned), he can also imagine himself well! Unfortunately, he worked this out only just before his heart condition killed

> ver on BBC2, anyone looking for laughs would have been disappointed. On the other hand, anyone wavering about suicide would have said oh. thanks a lot, cheers, and turned up the gas. Concerning the effect of

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farmers, Modern Times: A Pleasant Land was the slowest, dullest and most depressing documentary in recent memory, with no narration or music, and nothing of interest happening except in the abbatoirs. Farmer's daughter sits in farmhouse hunched over Gameboy. Bip, bip says Gameboy. Bip, bip, bip (pause), bip.
Watching A Pleasant Land was

BSE legislation on West Country awful. Put it this way, if we wanted

would emigrate. Farmers sat glumly in a silent pub (the only pub in the country not playing Britpop) and swapped boring remarks. Cows queued up for death and dismemberment. Moo. Blood dripped off a saw. Depressed farmers' families wordlessly arranged bales in field. Cow eyes

water up their gory, tattooed arms.
"Where's the beef?" the viewer was justified in asking, even if the stion was a tad insensitive. The point seemed to be that beef farmers have to wait their turn for the cull, and nobody tells them anything, and they fill in forms and carry on as usual, and make boring phone calls, and the overall result is a sort of tick-tock existential drama in which the stun gun at the abattoir begins to represent a welcome end. But personally I wouldn't call it entertainment. The decision to have no commentary

to see East European television, we was a brave one, I suppose, but the yawning emptiness did not lend grandeur or depth to the piece, it st made it boring.

t was down to Gary Rhodes to complete a whizz-bang eve-ning of telly the world could live contentedly without. Yes, he's back, the man for whom a bad hair blinked and slaughterers sloshed day would be a blessing for the rest of us. Is anyone else embarrassed by Gary Rhodes's vertical trademark hair? Anyway, Open Rhodes (BBC2) sees crazy-haircrazy-guy Gary attempting to fill the Wednesday night culinary gap left by Two Fat Ladies, but this is. alas, a challenge of some magnitude, and the effect is of replacing two big comfy sofas with a kitchen

> Finally, it behoves me to say that if tonight's episode of EastEnders (BBCI) is truly the last appearance of David Wicks (Michael French), then he ought to get a proper send

from a grateful viewer. It's not unusual for a single cast member in EastEnders to carry a major plot for a few weeks imminent to departure, but Michael French has not only juggled several at once, he has grown more impressively dextrous as the weeks have passed. "What about David, then?" we

fans have said to each other. "Brilliant, he's brilliant." The villainous don't-trust-me glint in David's eye has long gone (formerly it was always spotted over the shoulder of a cloying Cindy. accompanied by the weasel words "I promise"), and its disappearance was perfectly judged. Now David's promises are as empty as ever but, because his intentions are virtuous, the effect is tragic. David, we will miss you. You are the best actor in EastEnders. And if you don't leave tonight, incidentally, I am going to look a right charlie writing this.

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9.30 THE THIN BLUE LINE Grim attempts to join a secret lodge and Fowler is informed that an illegal asylum-seaker has taken retuge in the town (Cestan) (s) (67228) 10.00 CROCODILE SHOES When Jed is charged with possession of drugs, help es from a rather unespected quarter.

With Jithmy Neil (2/6) (936402) 10.55 QUESTION TRAE David Direbleby chairs a discussion from Glasgow. His guests are a former Charcellor of the Exchaquer, Norman Lamont, Aichy Kirkwood, the Liberal 'Democat Chief Whip: Brian Wison, a member of Labour's election strategy team; and Winnie Ewing, MEP, President of the SNP (Coeles) (192131) 11.85 CLIVE ANDERSON ALL TALK (7)

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THE WORKS The story of Veronica Guerin, the Investi-gative reporter murdered in Dublin by hired killers (Ceetax) (s) (9247) WALES: **Roll Over Beeting** 

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#### THE CHOICE The Works: Dying For the Story BBC2. 8.00pm (Wales, 7.30pm; Scotland.

The death of the Irish journalist Veronica Guerin, shot dead in her car as it stopped at traffic lights, was particularly shocking. As a fearless reporter of the Dublin underworld she had attracted enemies. She had been threatened, shot at and assaulted. But murder was something else. The film reminds us that Guerin had come to ournalism late and had only been a crime reporter for two years. Her brother says she did not realise how deep she was going and suggests that her paper might have given her more protection. But it seems unlikely that she would have opted for a less dangerous beat. From recollections of friends, colleagues and family, she emerges as the best type of journalist and human being, as committed to her craft as to her husband and

Women At Play: Women With Balls Channel 4, 8.00pm

One of the less publicised aspects of the revolution in rugby union is that clubs are opening up to women. It has even happened at Harlequins, breaking an all-male tradition that has gone back 130 years. But being Harlequins, the club insists that its female team is called ladies, not women. The cameras follow the ladies through their first season, during which they score 136 points. And that is in one match. From this limited glimpse, the on-field activity seems no less competitive than in the male game. The same can be said for the after-match drinking, though the Hariequins ladies seem less inclined to sing dirty songs. The idea of women playing rugby does not meet with unanimous approval. "My God! You'll be wanting to father children next," says one appailed male.

Channel 4, 8,30pm

Hugh Fearniey-Whittingstall's quest for left our Eddie Baines and Steve Donovan Brits they may be, but their passions come from the other side of the Atlantic. In culinary terms this means the Mexican chilli. When they cook their wives dinner to celebrate their joint wedding anniversaries. you can be sure it is chilli with everything. "I don't think it will be a romantic evening fears one of the spouses, preparing to have the roof of her mouth blown off. But Eddie and Steve press on regardless and even the sorbet has tell-tale flecks of red. Tonights other meal is the work of Wynne Fearfield from the Yorkshire Dales. She is noted not so much for the eccentricities of her menus as for an obsessional quest for perfection.

The Mind Traveller: Rage For Order

The alarming thing about the brain conditions featured in Dr Oliver Sacks's series is that nobody seems to know what causes them, still less how they can be cured.
The most that experts such as Sacks can do is to observe, which inevitably means intruding into private unhappiness. This intrusion may seem less acute when the story has a positive side. Jessica Park from Massachuseus is autistic. At 37 she still has difficulty with greath has 156 in description. Massacriuseus is accessive. At 37 she sun has difficulty with speech, her life is dominated by obsessions which belong more to childhood and she can fly into sudden rages. But she is also a talented artist, good enough to have her paintings put on show in New York. Without trying to play the art critic, Sacks sees her confident handling of colour and firm use of form as the autistic's attempt and firm use of form as the auditors are strong to impose order on a disintegrating 5.00 HEROES (r) (46 Peter Waymark 5.30 NEWS (31087)

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comfortable regardless of next week's Budget proposals (s) (247) 8.00 THE BILL Holfis learns a lesson community policing (Teletext) (6773) B.30 IS IT LEGAL? Dick in Court Stelle has to play Miss Whiplash again by forcing lazy senior partner Dick to handle one of her court cases (Teletext) (s) (5808)



Brendan Coyle as Tale (9.00pm)

9.00 THIEF TAKERS: Collateral Dun The Plying Squad clash with other police terronst turned Special Branch operative consoiracy which threatens his caree and possibly his life (Teletext) (6518)

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10.40 FiLM: Lies of the Twins (1991) starring Isabella Rossellini and Aidan Quinn. model becomes unwittingly involved with her fiance's twin brother. Directed by Tim Hunter (27962112) 12.25am THE WAR OF THE WORLDS (s)

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10.40 THE 1996 MOBO AWARDS (3864266) 11.55 ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS (560063)

12,30am BRYAN ADAMS: WAKING UP THE WORLD (1881464) 1.25 PLANET ROCK PROFILES (9529209)

2.50 FLUX (2878629) 3.45 ITV SPORT CLASSICS (79168261) 3.55 JOBFINDER (8692984) 5.20 ASIAN EYE (1169358)

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2.05 THE LIVING SEA (70540179) 2.35 FILM: Challenger (1990) with Karen Allen. The first of a two-part biopic about the doorned Challenger space shuttle mission of 1986. Directed by Glenn Jordan. Part two can be seen next Thursday (Teletext) (5440537)

4.00 FIFTEEN-TO-ONE (Teletext) (s) (976) 4.30 Countdown (Teletext) (s) (860) 5.00 Ricki Lake (Teletext) (s) (5864976) 5.45 Anton Mosimann — Neturally (Teletext) (647711)

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WOMEN AT PLAY: Women with Balls First in a new series about women and leisure. Torrohi we meet the ladies who play to Hartequins Rugby Club, which last season fielded an all-lemale side for the first time in its 130-year history (Teletext) (s) (4315)

8.30 CHRICE TV DINNERS Two men meals for their wives (Teletext) (s) (6150) 9.00 DISPATCHES investigates the unslable and unsavoury secrets that can be beneath newly-built homes (Teletext) (s) (633082)

9.45 LLOYDS BANK/CHANNEL 4 FILM CHALLENGE: Balloons Comedy about Julie, her boyfriend and her grandmother (Teletext) (s) (446131)

10.00 FILM: License to Kill (1984) with James Farenting as the lather of a teenage pirt who was killed by a drunk driver. Also with Dencel Washington. Directed by Jud. Taylor (Teletext) (833112)

11.50 FOUR-MATIONS: Electric Passions

12.30am MOVIEWATCH (r) (s) (19272) 1.00 FOUR-MATIONS: Shorts (71280) 1.30 FILM: Trouble for Two (b/W, 1936) Mystery-drama-romance with Robert Montgomery and Rosalind Russell. Directed by J Walter Ruben (4830071)

2.50 FILM: The Bride Came C. O. D (b/w, 1941) Romantic farce with James Cagney as a pilot down on his luck. Directed by William Keighley (867025)

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Srnicek's errors could prove costly

# Keegan must invest in safe keeping

THE championship, Bob Wilson asserts, is never won by a football team harbouring a suspect goalkeeper. Think of Schmeichel, Flowers and Seaman, for example, and recent history appears to support the argument of the former Scotland goalkeeper, who is now a

television pundit. There is even a school of thought which advances the idea that Manchester United edged Newcastle United out of the FA Carling Premiership race last season simply because they possessed, in Schmeichel, the outstanding goalkeeper of his generation.

Kevin Keegan, the Newcastle manager, must wrestle with such thoughts, especially after the 1-1 draw vith FC Metz in the Uefa Cup third-round, first-leg tie in France on Tuesday. Pavel Smicek, the Newcastle No I. rarely inspires absolute confidence and certainly cost his team victory, if not the opportunity to progress to the quar-ter-finals. It also cast a shadow over a defence which is un-

doubtedly improving. Smicek is a fine goalkeeper at times but, all too often, he succumbs to a strange madness which undermines his performance. Comparisons ave been drawn with Bruce Grobbelaar, but the former Liverpool and Southampton goalkeeper had, in his prime, two assets that Smicek does not - the ability to command his area, and luck. Poor Smicek. Every time

he makes a mistake, he is punished for it. There was little sympathy, however, from Keegan on Tuesday night. impatience in his voice when he said: "Pay knows that even if he plays well, a goalkeeper cannot make even one error. He will hold his hand up and say he has made a mistake." Keegan has moved positively to tighten up at the back, by

Bryant's Eye Seaman ruled out ....... 48

appointing Mark Lawrenson as a defensive coach, but still he has a problem with Smicek. He tried to solve it by signing Brad Freidel, a United States international, but could not secure a work permit. He Shaka Hislop, but it appears now that Keegan has even less confidence in the former Read-

Hislop lost his place at St James' Park in December of last season when he was injured against Chelsea. It may be that the time has come to give him one last opportuni-

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ty this weekend, ironically in a fixture at Stamford Bridge. It must find a solution quickly if he is to secure the championship. The transfer market would appear to be his best

problems in the back line any more. Lawrenson appears to have installed a touch more discipline in the defence, and it was evident in the controlled display against Metz. Albert and Peacock, in particular, were steadiness personified, and Lawrenson was rightly proud of their performances.

"There was not a major job for me to do when I arrived at Newcastle, just a bit of tinkering," he said. "They are basically good defenders. Albert is talented, it all comes so easily to him, but I just had to point out that he must not go charging upfield until we have controlled matches - his priority is defence."

If anyone did give the ewcastle back four a problem in Metz, it was Robert Pires, the winger who bars David Ginola's path into the France side. It was his pace and youthful vigour which set him apart, and although he was not exactly untouchable. he is clearly good enough to attract interest from Premier-

Pires explained afterwards, been inquiries from English along Internazionale and Juventus, of Italy. It is the English league that appeals to him. "I would love to play in England. I would choose it ahead of

Italy," he said.
"My contract has just over a year to run at Metz, and if there was a reasonable offer from England, I would relish the challenge." It is thought that Arsenal, Everton and Middlesbrough have all monitored the 23-year-old's presence, and Metz, who struggle financially, would be hard-pushed to refuse any bid that topped £4 million, despite an avowed intention to keep

year contract.

great spirit in his team, that they will really be "up for it"

when the time comes at

Wembley. There are few who agree, least of all Nizzola.

Roy Hodgson, the English

manager of Internazionale, for

his part, is staying with Inter

t is becoming something of a personal tradition. Every November in these

pages, I quote Erra Pound and then say that the panel that judges the William Hill Sports Book of the Year prize

has not it wrong. So here we

go again. "Literature is news

that stays news." Thanks, Ezra, and no. Donald Me-

Rae's Dark Trade is not the

But having got that over with. I would like to say that

the shortlist contained six

good books, any one of which

might have won in some of

the thinner years of the prize's

history. This is either a fluke.

or conclusive proof that the standard of sports books is

All six of these books are

suitable for grown-ups. None is stuck with the playground

notion that sport is the only

thing in life that matters. Each

one is keen to set sport and its

participants into the context of

Bradman. by Charles Wil-

liams. He is a Labour life peer

as well as a former Essex

cricketer, and his previous

biography was of that well-

known sporting figure.

INSIDE

Alan Lee, right, cricket corr-

espondent of The Times.

meets Shane Warne, the best

bowier in the world. Lee has

been voted joint cricket writer

of the year by the readers of Wisden Cricket Monthly.

sharing the award with Christopher Martin-Jenkins of The Daily Telegraph.

My own winner

real life.

one I would have chosen.

Wembley casts shadow over Sacchi FROM BRIAN GLANVILLE after being given a new twoyear contract. According to IN MILAN the cynics in Milan, the offer ARRIGO SACCHI, the Italy of a three-year contract by coach, will almost certainly be Blackburn Rovers could not still in charge of the team have come at a better time for Hodgson: a time when Inter's

Wembley in a vital World fortunes have suddenly Cup qualifying match next February. But if they lose, that changed, when they were top of Serie A, when they had just victory on Juventus's ground in the Copa Italia not long after being played off the field there and losing 2-0 in a After Italy's recent wretched results, Saochi has been hanging by a thread. The more so

since his great protector. Antonio Matarrese, has been deposed as president of the At that point, one hears. FIGC, the Italian FA, and will Massimo Moratti, the president of Inter, was privately talking about finding a new manager. But that is Italian be succeeded by Luciano Nizzola, who has little time for Sacchi and his £800,000-afootball: infinitely volatile, The coach, meanwhile, is slavishly geared to the latest desperately making all the right noises: that there is a

In Inter's case, that was a 5-1 win on Tuesday in the Uefa Cup against a Boavista team whose goalkeeper was com-fortably the worst I have ever seen in a European game. Even without the dominating Paul Ince, who was suspended but will be back for the crucial

derby with AC Milan on Sunday, Inter won as they

Solari, the Argentina centre, breaks away from the London Counties cover in the tour match at Twickenham yesterday. Report, page 48

Yesterday Hodgson went to see Moratti at Inter's headquarters in Piazza Duse to tie up his new contract, said to be worth rather more than £600,000 a year, doubtless free of tax.

Moratti did not see Hodgson as the perfect manager, Inter's tectics having been much criti-



mond is a fine piece of work.

Hammond's terrible illness,

met with on a tour of the West

Indies, was not a fancy form of malaria but syphilis: and that the course of the disease

shaped his life. It is a well-

researched and compassion

Someone had to write Little

Girls in Pretty Boxes, an

tears, injury and abuse be-

hind the making of champi-

ons in the sports of gymnas-

ties and ice skating. It is a

journalist's book all right.

There is no shade, no perspec-

tive, and yet it is, in terms of

contemporary sport, the most

The last is Sue Mott's A

important book on the list.

Girl's Guide to Ball Games.

It is delightful, perceptive and

it made me howl with laugh-

ter on Finsbury Park station

in a heavy frost. Is that the

ultimate literary accolade?

ate book.

cised earlier in the season. even when they were winning

league, but many years ago. when I was living in Rome, I Guttman, the famous Hungarian coach, in a restaurant by Milan, themselves in first

"I shall have a clause in my next contract," he said. "Not to be dismissed when the club is. top of the league," He went on to win the European Cup twice, with Benfica.

Hodgson, after crushing of Boavista, told me: The fact is very simple. I received, out of the blue, an inquiry to see if I was interest-ed in Blackburn at the end of my contract. What happened was that I informed them that I was very interested, and I was very impressed by their people. So really, what I did then, before I could give an

answer, I was duty-bound to tell the president (of Inter):

Don't count on me when my contract runs out, because I'm

"He wanted to know if there was any dissatisfaction on my part. I said that it was only after next July, when I won't have a job, and I've been

After a two-hour conversation on Tuesday, agreement in een manager and Moratti. "I told him: 'I only want you to keep me if you're 100 per cen-sure I'm the man." Hodgson said. "In a long two-hour conversation, he convinced

. Hodgson wants to stay, he says, somewhat longer in Europe before he takes on an English club. He is happy. Moratti says he is very happy. The sceptics will argue that Hodgson may be strong now, but that matters might be very different in three

But that, eternally, is Italian

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## Milosevic decides to remain with Villa

AFTER hours of negotiations. dozens of faxes and no little speculation, the saga of Savo Milosevic appears to be over. closing with it any prospect of Stan Collymore joining Aston Villa in the near future (Richard Hobson writes).

Almost a month since news broke that Milosevic, 25, the Villa forward, was a target for Perugia, the player has said finally that he has no intention of joining them. Moreover, he has pledged himself to Villa. and having trained hard since returning to England from Belgrade last weekend, may be picked against Coventry City on Saturday because Dwight Yorke is on World

Brian Little, the Villa manager, had a bid of \$4.5 million for Collymore rejected by Liverpool last week. He was expecting to be able to raise that to 56 million this week with Villa preparing to send a delegation to Perugia in an attempt to hasten the Milosevic transfer to finance a

further bid for the striker. However, Little is refuctant to sell any other member of his

Villa are likely to resurrect their interest at some stage. although Nottingham Forest. who sold Collymore to Liverpool for £8.5 million in July 1995, may attempt to entice him back. A takeover of the City Ground club wil! be completed next month, giving Frank Clark, the manager. around EIO million to spend. Their parlous position at the bottom of the FA Carling Premiership dictates that he must bring in players of proven quality, quickly. enjoying another triumph Simon Barnes takes

Why Bradman should be

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Charles de Gaulle. It is a recognition that Bradman is not part of sporting history; he Sport has power over the

imaginations of people and of nations. W. G. Grace for Victorian England; Frank Worrell for West Indies, Muhammad Ali for the world. Its role in the world of power and the creation of history is a matter that needs proper assessment. Bradman does this, and is a

good read to boot. The winner, Dark Trade, and another contender. On the Ropes, by a psychologist named Geoffrey Beattle, are written by good-hearted, liberal-souled people fascinated by boxing and half-appalled by their fascination. The research shines from every page, but neither book leaps over the great divide

between news and literature. There is another book of cricket history on the list, and

Dark Trade: Lost in Boxing, by Donald McRae (Mainstream, £14.99) On the Ropes: Boxing as a Way of Life, by Geoffrey Beattle (Victor Gollancz. £16.99}

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